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3-MEMBER SUPREME COURT BENCH DOES NOT KNOW ABOUT VANUATU

A three-judge bench of the Supreme Court on Tuesday said there is no country called Vanuatu, while hearing a bail plea in a cheating case

COMPARES IT TO FICTIONAL KAILASA

A bench of justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta and N V Anjaria was hearing a plea by the man challenging a Calcutta High Court order denying him bail. "You are a citizen of which country?" the bench asked. When the lawyer said the petitioner was a citizen of Vanuatu, the bench said, "There is no country like that. We also know a 'country' called Kailasa"

ALLOWS PETITIONER TO WITHDRAW PLEA

- The counsel argued that the petitioner was already granted bail in four other cases. The bench then asked the lawyer for West Bengal, "How much time will you take to conclude the trial?"
- The state's counsel said it was likely to conclude within six to eight months. The SC permitted the petitioner to withdraw the petition

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ISLANDS, SPREAD OVER 1,300 KM IN PACIFIC OCEAN CONSTITUTE VANUATU

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PM Narendra Modi with French President Emmanuel Macron during a car ride, in Mumbai | PTI

Spl global strategic partnership deal done with France

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA and France on Tuesday elevated their bilateral ties to a "Special Global Strategic Partnership," with Prime Minister Narendra Modi describing the relationship as a "force for global stability" amid rising geopolitical turbulence after a meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron in Mumbai. Following comprehensive talks in Mumbai during Macron's three-day visit, the two sides announced 21 outcomes spanning defence, critical minerals, high technology, renewable energy, health, skilling, startups and advanced materials.

"The world is going through a period of uncertainty. In such an environment, the India-France partnership is a force for global stability. We are combining France's expertise and India's scale," Modi said.

He added that the two nations share a "very special relationship" built on trust and shared democratic values. "Together with President Macron, we have given this strategic partnership unprecedented depth and energy. Based on this trust and shared vision, today we are establishing our relationship as a 'Special Global Strategic Partnership'," he said.

A key highlight of the visit was the virtual inauguration of the Airbus H125 helicopter final assembly line at Vemagal in Karnataka. The facility, set up by Airbus in collaboration with Indian partners, is expected to strengthen India's aeronautical manufacturing capabilities, boost workforce skilling and generate employment.

"Today's inauguration of the helicopter assembly line in India is another shining example of this deep trust. We are proud that India and France will jointly manufacture the world's only helicopter capable of flying to the heights of Mount Everest. And we will also export it to the entire world," Modi said. "In other words, the India-France partnership knows no boundaries; it can reach from deep oceans to the tallest mountains."

The agreements signed include enhanced defence cooperation, collaboration in critical minerals and advanced materials, and expanded engagement in clean energy and health sectors. Both sides also launched the 'India-France Year of Innovation' initiative to deepen people-to-people and startup linkages. Macron described India as one of France's most trusted partners and underlined the expanding defence relationship.

"From Rafale jets to submarines, we are expanding defence cooperation," he said. P6

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Narendra Modi

India and France have decided to elevate their strategic partnership to the level of a Special Global Strategic Partnership. In diplomacy, that is a big deal

Emmanuel Macron

H 125 ASSEMBLY LINE

1. Both leaders virtually inaugurated a final assembly line in Karnataka to build Airbus H125 helicopters. It will enhance India's aerospace manufacturing capabilities
2. Referring to global flashpoints like Ukraine, Wasia and the Indo-Pacific, Modi said both nations support a multipolar world
3. The Modi-Macron meeting, included a joint drive through Mumbai in a show of personal rapport

Anthropic AI pact with Infy after rattling IT sector

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

A fortnight ago, the launch of US-based Anthropic's AI tool had given Indian IT majors the jitters, raising questions about their future. On Tuesday, however, Infosys announced its partnership with Anthropic to develop advanced artificial intelligence solutions for businesses, aiming to bridge the gap between AI models that perform well in demonstrations and those that can operate effectively in highly regulated industries.

The two companies plan to help organisations in tightly regulated sectors adopt AI more effectively. Telecommunications, financial services, manufacturing and software development are expected to be the key beneficiaries.

Creating customised AI agents for clients

Anthropic's Claude AI models will be combined with Infosys' Topaz AI platform. Together, they aim to create customised AI agents capable of handling complex tasks. To begin with, a dedicated Anthropic Centre of Excellence will be set up for the telecom sector

Shares in Infosys climbed nearly 3% to about ₹1,407 on Tuesday following the announcement and closed the session with 2% higher.

"There's a big gap between an AI model that works in a demo and one that works in a regulated industry – and if you want to close that gap, you need domain expertise," said Dario Amodei, CEO and co-founder of Anthropic.

"Infosys has exactly that kind of expertise across important industries — telecom, financial services, and manufacturing. Their developers are already using Claude Code to accelerate their work and to create AI agents for industries that demand precision, compliance, and deep domain knowledge," he said.

The partnership focuses on building intelligent AI tools for enterprise use. "AI is not just transforming business — it is redefining the way industries operate and innovate," said Salil Parekh, Infosys CEO.

Early this month, Anthropic unveiled new automation tools for its Claude platform that can carry out tasks across legal, sales, marketing and data analysis functions. It triggered a bloodbath in Indian IT stocks, with the Nifty IT Index declining by 14%.

Govt planning to prune allocation for guarantee schemes in budget

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

WITH the state government at the receiving end of opposition barbs for spending large amounts on guarantee schemes and allegedly ignoring development projects, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah may reduce the allocation on these poll promises in the upcoming budget. He will do that by cutting down the number of beneficiaries not eligible for the schemes.

Soon after coming to power in 2023, the Congress government implemented the guarantee schemes. In the supplementary budget that year, Siddaramaiah had allocated Rs 35,410 crore for eight months. In 2024-25, the fund was Rs 56,000 crore and in 2025-26 (the current financial year), it is around Rs 51,000 crore. As the government has removed a number of beneficiaries from different schemes for not meeting the eligibility criteria, the allocation in the budget is expected to be lesser compared to previous years.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at a pre-budget meeting with farmers in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Now, 70-75 lakh women use free buses under the Shakti scheme every day. Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy told The New Indian Express that they are streamlining to bring accountability and transparency. That is the reason at the recent cabinet meeting, they approved a smart card for Shakthi scheme beneficiaries. "This will prevent the use of fake documents. At some places, even men are being issued free tickets by conductors, burdening the government. With the smart card, we can allow only eligible beneficiaries to get the benefits," he said.

Under the Anna Bhagya scheme, the government is providing groceries to 4.21 crore beneficiaries. But over the last few months, the Food and Civil Supplies Department has started weeding out bogus card holders. Minister KH Muniyappa recently said that 20% of card holders are not eligible and the government removed close to 4 lakh card holders. The department has also restructured the scheme replacing 5 kg rice with tur dal, sugar, salt and oil, which has reduced the expenses drastically. P4

FINAL ROLL

Gujarat voter list overhaul adds 5.6 lakh new voters

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

AFTER a three-and-a-half-month Special Intensive Revision drive, Gujarat's final electoral roll was published on Tuesday, revealing net addition of 5.60 lakh voters even as 3.95 lakh names were deleted.

The exercise digitised over 4.34 crore voter forms and reshaped district-wise electoral patterns, with Ahmedabad leading in additions and Surat topping deletions.

Before revision, Gujarat's electoral base stood at 5.08 crore voters. Post-draft publication, the count rationalised to 4,34,70,109, signalling large-scale removal of ineligible or duplicate entries.

By the time the final roll was sealed, the voter base rose to 4,40,30,725. The arithmetic is revealing: after corrections and claims, Gujarat registered a net addition of about 5.60 lakh voters compared to the draft roll an indicator that new eligible voters, especially youth and migrants, successfully entered the system after scrutiny.

Ahmedabad alone added 1,53,234 voters a significant surge pointing to rapid urban expansion and fresh eligibility. Surat added 1,01,578 voters, reinforcing its dual identity as both a high-migration and high-registration district. Rajkot (53,517), Vadodara (47,070) and Bhavnagar (40,074) also registered strong growth, signalling population consolidation in urban and semi-urban corridors.

About 3.95 lakh voters were removed for death, migration or duplication. Chief Electoral Officer Harit Shukla credited statewide participation, cooperation from voters, media, political parties and the civil society. In all, 34 district election officers, 182 voter registration officers, 855 assistant voter registration officers, 50,963 booth level officers and many volunteers participated in the exercise.

EXPRESS READ

Commuters can soon carry liquor in Metro

Bengaluru: Namma Metro will soon allow its passengers to carry liquor bottles, provided they are sealed. BMRCL sources said while there is in-principle approval, implementation is likely to take some time. There is no requirement for special permission or a separate licence to allow liquor bottles. Once approved, the provision will be incorporated into the Metro's rules and orders, they said | P2

MoS raises hope for J&K statehood restoration

Srinagar: Union Minister of State for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal on Tuesday hinted at restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. "Our Home Minister Amit Shah has already assured in the Lok Sabha that the statehood will be restored to J&K. That right will be given to J&K but there is a process for it," he said, adding, "I feel you will soon get to hear about a decision in this regard" | P12

MODI INVITES NEW BANGLADESH PM TARIQUE RAHMAN TO VISIT INDIA

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla handing over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's invite to Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman (pic), shortly after the latter took his oath of office and secrecy, to visit India at a mutually convenient time, in Dhaka on Tuesday. "I take this opportunity to invite you, along with Dr Zubaida Rahman and your daughter Zaima, on a visit to India at a mutually convenient time. A warm welcome awaits you in India," Modi wrote. "The convergence between our respective developmental priorities shall serve as a guiding principle for our cooperation," he said | P11,14

Family leaves 4-yr-old boy asleep in cab

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A mother accidentally left her four-year-old son asleep inside a cab in Hennur on Friday night and was safely reunited with him within an hour by the Hoysala patrolling police.

Around 8.30 pm on Friday, four-year-old Jian Chungi was returning home with his mother, Ginny, and five other relatives after visiting the ISKCON temple. On the return journey, Jian fell asleep in the back seat of the cab. Busy getting down from the vehicle, his mother and relatives forgot to wake him up or to take him from the cab, even as he continued to sleep in the rear seat.

The cab driver too failed to notice the child and proceeded to pick up other passengers. When Ginny realised that her son was missing, she recalled that Jian was asleep on the back of the taxi. She tried calling the cab driver, but could not reach him. She immediately dialled Namma 112 for assistance.

ASI Manjappa Koppal and Head Constable Satish Kumar, who were on patrol duty, reached the spot within two minutes. P7

BJP's defamation case against Rahul quashed

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

STATING that a mere photograph of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on the advertisement is not sufficient to indicate that it was published at his instance with an intention to harm BJP at a time when he was neither president nor vice-president of the party, the Karnataka High Court quashed the defamation proceedings pending against him before a special court in the city on the complaint filed by the state BJP unit. The complaint was over publishing ads of "Corruption rate card" in newspapers during the 2023 Karnataka Assembly election campaign.

Justice S Sunil Dutt Yadav on Tuesday cited technical reasons and a series of procedural lapses on the part of the special court for the trial of criminal cases against sitting and former MPs/MLAs before taking cognisance of the offences and issuing a summons to Rahul. It cannot be done casually, Justice Yadav said.

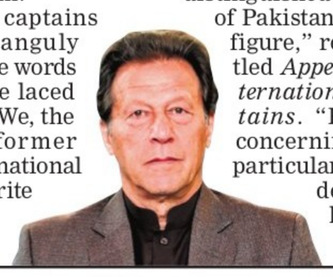
S Keshava Prasad, Secretary, Karnataka BJP Unit, had filed the complaint alleging defamation through newspaper advertisements on May 5, 2023. P4

SPIRIT OF CRICKET

14 former captains to Pak govt: Treat Imran with dignity

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

IN a moving gesture, 14 former captains from different nations are rallying behind Imarn Khan, who is struggling with ill-health. Expressing deep concern over the jailed cricketer-turned-politician's deteriorating condition, the captains including Sunil Gavaskar and Kapil Dev have written a letter to the Pakistan government appealing for adequate medical attention and dignified conditions in line with international standards for him.



Even former captains like Sourav Ganguly supported it. The words of the letter are laced with emotion. "We, the undersigned former captains of our national cricket teams, write with deep concern regarding the reported treatment and incarceration conditions of Imran Khan, the distinguished former Captain of Pakistan and a legendary figure," read the letter titled *Appeal by former International Cricket Captains*. "Recent reports concerning his health — particularly the alarming deterioration of his vision while in custody — and the conditions of his imprisonment over the past two and a half years have caused us profound concern." The letter has also been signed by Michael Atherton, Allan Border, Michael Brearley, Greg Chappell, Ian Chappell, Belinda Clark, David Gower, Kim Hughes, Nasser Hussain, Clive Lloyd, Steve Waugh and John Wright.

Gower told this daily that the intitative was taken be Greg. "He asked I would sign, and I said yes," he said.

No Pakistan player has signed the letter that ends with emotional lines that transcends politics. "Cricket has long been a bridge between nations. Our shared history on the field reminds us that rivalry ends when the stumps are drawn — and respect endures. Imran Khan embodied that spirit..."

T20 ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP HIT-WAVE

Today's Matches

11am: South Africa vs UAE (Delhi), **3pm:** Pakistan vs Namibia (Colombo), **7pm:** India vs Netherlands (Ahmedabad)

Aussies out

After Australia's loss to Sri Lanka, Zimbabawe-Ireland match was washed out. With this, Zimbabwe progressed to Super 8s

ALMANAC TODAY

• **Wednesday:** 18.02.2026 • **Year:** Vishwavasu • **Ayana:** Uttharayana • **Ritu:** Sisira • **Masa:** Phalguna • **Paksha:** Sukla • **Tithi:** Prathami 5.14 pm • **Nakshatra:** Sathabhisha 9.48 pm • Moon in Moon in Meena Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Gulikakala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER

MIN 10°C | MAX 29°C

FORECAST Afternoon clouds

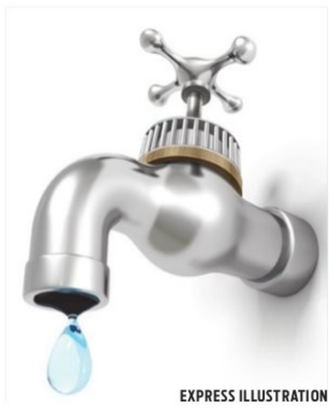
Sunrise 06.43 am | Sunset 06.24 pm | Moonrise 02.29 am | Moonset 01.55 pm

N O WATER WOES

KRS, KABINI HOLD 52.39 TMCFT, NO SUMMER WORRIES FOR CITY

BWSSB writes to CNNL to reserve 11 tmcft until July for Bengaluru

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru



EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

BENGALURU is unlikely to face any drinking water crisis this summer, with 52.39 thousand million cubic (tmc) feet of water currently available in its key sources—Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS) and Kabini dams—according to the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB).

With summer expected to set in by March and temperatures already rising, concerns have been growing among residents of Bengaluru over possible water shortages and staggered supply. However, BWSSB officials have assured that there is adequate water to meet the city's drinking water needs.

BWSSB has written to the Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Ltd (CNNL) seeking reservation of 11 tmcft of water until July exclusively for Bengaluru's drinking water requirements.

"As of Tuesday, 39.0 tmcft of water, including dead storage, is available at KRS, while Kabini has 13.39 tmcft. Together, this is sufficient for drinking water purposes. As in previous years, we will also implement measures to prevent wastage during peak summer," a senior BWSSB official said.

The official added that water levels at the Krishna Raja Sagara Dam—a major source for both Bengaluru's water supply and irrigation—stand at 117 feet, against its full capacity of 124 feet. This is significantly higher compared to 92 feet recorded during the same period in February 2025.

Confirming receipt of BWSSB's request, CNNL Superintending Engineer Raghuram said sufficient water is currently available in both KRS and the Kabini Dam. He noted that water has been earmarked for drinking purposes, while CNNL is also mandated to release 1,000 cusecs into the river to maintain continuous flow.

"Drinking water is supplied to villages and Bengaluru from both KRS and Kabini. However, water for perennial crops is drawn only from KRS. Whenever irrigation water is released from KRS, drinking water will be released from Kabini to TK Halli, and the supply will be managed accordingly," Raghuram said. He added that depending on evaporation and river flow requirements, around 12–15 tmcft of water will be released for agricultural and industrial use.

Although the summer management plan extends only till the end of May, BWSSB is keen on reserving water till July to avert any emergency. The board is considering imposing penalties for wastage of potable water, particularly for activities such as road washing and car cleaning during peak summer. Restrictions on the use of drinking water in swimming pools are also under consideration.

Additionally, BWSSB may reintroduce the registration of private water tankers to prevent harassment and overcharging of customers. To support areas facing local shortages, the board has deployed its 'Sanchari Cauvery' service, comprising 108 EPA-coated tankers, to supply water to the outskirts and central business district if supplies from its 55 filling centres fall short.

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>
> Raghuram, CNNL Superintending Engineer

'BWSSB a global benchmark in AI-driven urban water security'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

BENGALURU Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has emerged as a global model for integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) into urban water management, said its chairman **Ram Prasath Manohar**.

He was addressing a global audience at the 'AI Impact Summit 2026' on 'From Models to the Masses: Deploying AI for Climate Resilience' at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on Tuesday. He detailed BWSSB's rapid transition from a traditional utility provider to a smart, data-driven organization that uses technology to ensure water security for millions. "By deploying AI tools across our pumping stations and STPs, we have optimised operations to achieve annual energy savings exceeding Rs 40 crore. This is not just a financial victory but a significant environmental one, as we have drastically reduced our carbon footprint," Manohar said.

He said BWSSB is using advanced robotics to detect leakages and identify illegal connections with precision. Manohar also highlighted strategic collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to bring scientific rigour to the city's water replenishment efforts. "We have deployed AI-enabled IoT sensors to monitor groundwater levels in real-time," he said.

The session featured global experts, including representatives from Google DeepMind, IIT Delhi and the Council on Energy, Environment and Water.

Soon, you can carry liquor bottles on Metro

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

BENGALUREANS travelling on Namma Metro may soon be allowed to carry liquor bottles, provided they are sealed.

Sources in the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) said the issue has been discussed on multiple occasions and was taken up again at a recent meeting. While there is in-principle approval, implementation is likely to take some time, the sources said.

"We will follow the Delhi model. Currently, carrying liquor is allowed on the airport line of the Delhi Metro. Once Namma Metro is connected to the airport, which is expected in about two years, liquor will be allowed," a source said.

BMRCL officials said there is no requirement for special permission or a separate licence to allow liquor bottles. Once approved, the provision will be incorporated into the Metro's rules and orders.

"At present, it is not allowed, and there is no specific reason for it. People are permitted to travel on Metro trains even after consuming alcohol, as it is a public transport system. However, consumption must be within permissible limits," an official said.

The official, however, could not clearly define the permissible limits, but stressed that passengers should not misbehave or cause discomfort to others.

Currently, boards displayed at all Namma Metro stations list prohibited items for carriage on Metro trains. BMRCL has identified 58 such items across eight categories, including sharp objects, firearms, tools, explosive materials, flammable items, disabling chemicals, offensive items and others. Liquor is listed under flammable items as alcohols and spirits.

"We have received several requests and feedback over the years questioning why liquor is prohibited on a public transport system. Some have pointed out that while eating and drinking are not allowed inside trains, carrying sealed bottles like any other luggage should not pose a problem. There have also been instances where security staff at some stations have allowed passengers to carry bottles," the official said.

Confirming the discussions, BMRCL Director (RES and O&M) Sumit Bhatnagar said deliberations on permitting liquor bottles inside Metro trains are ongoing.

FORCE BOOSTER

City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh receives five radar speed guns and road safety equipment, donated by an NGO to the Bengaluru City Police, on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

DKS: Rectify errors in voters' list

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A DELEGATION of ministers and legislators from Bengaluru led by Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Urban Development Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday met State Election Commissioner GS Sangreshi and submitted a memorandum seeking corrections in the voters' list for areas under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA).

Addressing reporters after meeting Sangreshi, Shivakumar said the State Election Commission has begun the rectification process based on the existing voters' data. But there are several issues here. In some cases, voters from the same house have been given different booths due to improper mapping.

He said booth level agents (BLAs) of political parties must accompany officials while mapping voters so that errors can be rectified easily.

Shivakumar alleged that in some areas dominated by minority communities, voters' names have been removed or shifted. In some places, names of the same voters appear in two or more booths. Documents related to these lapses have been submitted to the commission.

He said booth level officers responsible for such lapses should be suspended. As Special Intensive Revision (SIR) is on, one has to be extra cautious. Earlier, forms were misused to delete or include new voters without their knowledge. Such errors must be corrected as elections to GBA, and zilla and taluk panchayats are fast approaching. "If the errors are not rectified at the earliest, it would damage the reputation of the government as well as the commission," he said.

On whether the commission will conduct a separate revision while SIR is on, Shivakumar said the commission has the authority to do so.

EXPRESS READ

Transport unions call for 'Bengaluru Chalo' tomorrow

Bengaluru: The Joint Action Committee (JAC) of trade unions in the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has called for a 'Bengaluru Chalo' protest at Freedom Park on Thursday, demanding fulfilment of long-pending demands. In a press conference on Tuesday, the committee said the agitation was rescheduled following the sudden demise of senior labour leader Comrade Ananthasubba Rao. The unions have written to Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, but claimed that there has been no response. Key demands include wage revision from January 1, 2024, payment of 38 months' arrears, enhanced allowances and revision of Form-4. **ENS**

3 students from Allen institute score 99.99+ percentile in JEE Main phase 1

Bengaluru: Three students from Allen Career Institute have scored 99.99% in JEE Main Exam Phase 1 2026. National Testing Agency (NTA) announced the results of this exam on Monday evening. Institute's Mahesh Yadav said Nathan Jais, Sidharth Ramanath and Shiv Mehra scored 99.99+ percentile. Nathan has 100 percentile in Physics and Mathematics. In all, 37 students from ALLEN Bengaluru centre have achieved 99.90+ percentile. **ENS**

Nathan Jais | Shiv Mehra | Sidharth Ramanath

MEGA COACHING TERMINAL PROJECT SHIFTED TO YELAHANKA

Union Minister of State for Railways V Somanna flags off a train that will have an additional experimental stoppage at Nayandahalli station, on Tuesday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

UNION Minister of State for Railways V Somanna said on Tuesday that the proposed mega coaching terminal, which was to be set up near Devanahalli, will now be built in Yelahanka.

Speaking after flagging off four pairs of express trains with an additional experimental stoppage at Nayandahalli station, he said, "The final location survey for the terminal has been sanctioned by the Railway Board."

The additional experimental stoppage in Nayandahalli will be provided by Mysuru–KSR Bengaluru Chamundi Express (16215/16216), Mysuru–Bagalkot Basava Express (17307/17308), Tuticorin–Mysuru Express (16235/16236), and Mysuru–Pandharpur Gol Gumbaz Express (16535/16536).

Stating that a long-pending demand has been fulfilled, Somanna said the stoppage will benefit students, workers and office-goers living in Nayandahalli and surrounding areas.

He said Rs 7,748 crore has been earmarked for railway projects in the state in this budget. Work on projects worth Rs 52,950 crore is in progress across the state. The quadrupling project between Bengaluru Cantonment and Whitefield is progressing swiftly, he added.

The minister inaugurated the reconstructed road over bridge (ROB) No 431 between Vijayanagar and Padarayanapura. Built at a cost of Rs 14.10 crore, the new structure is expected to ease congestion and improve safety along the busy Mysuru–Bengaluru railway line.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

18th February : Blessing of the Seahorse These first days of Pisces season in the Year of the Fire Horse call to mind the seahorse -- one of nature's most improbable creatures. Neither fish nor horse, it lives between worlds, upright in the tide. Sacred to Poseidon, whose sea chariots were drawn by hippocampi, the seahorse carries ancient knowledge of how to move through the depths without being undone by them.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Each group of people has its own little culture. Families, neighborhoods, workplaces, classrooms -- all have rules worth learning, habits worth noticing, so you can decide to follow, bend or ignore them.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Today's theme: the intelligence in repetition. Routines conserve energy. Sure, there are a lot of different ways to play the day, but grooves come with momentum of their own and require much less of you.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
You can disagree without voicing it. And when you must voice it, you do so without provocation. That's diplomacy: choosing negotiation over conflict, making agreements that protect everyone involved and presenting a unified front.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
You help others through their feelings. You wish your loved ones were spared every bad feeling. If you could take it on instead, you totally would. And you really want the good feelings to last. You're a true, strong ally, and they feel it.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
People process experiences at different speeds. Some reflect quietly, some act quickly and some need time to sort through emotions before they respond. Today, someone doesn't respond in the way you would, but they are feeling something similar inside.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
The job looks like it'll be a real grind, but that's OK. A grind has its benefits. The knife gets sharp, the stone is polished, and it's how you make the coffee, the bread and, of course, the money.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
You'll be proud of yourself for trusting in a slow accumulation process. Affection grows steadily. Savings add up. Work builds. Collections expand. Each careful decision stacks on the last. In a few months, you'll have a tower of power.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Your focus is your superpower. It's not about doing more than anyone else but about doing the exact thing that matters. You learn fast, study deeply and work without distraction. Your attention carries more weight than words ever could.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
You're being pulled in two directions at once, which makes it more challenging to decide who and what should get your time. Just remember, there's a third option: opt out and do what (SET ITAL) you(END ITAL) want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
An unrelentingly positive attitude can be as toxic as negativity because it negates certain inalienable realities, such as gravity, shadows and human imperfection. Aim for realism with a 20% pump of hope -- a perfect recipe.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You're no stranger to soft sales, attraction-based strategies, roundabout methods, paying your dues and various other routes to "manifesting." But today's most effective tactic for getting what you want is simpler: just ask.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
Quiet is a sanctuary. Yes, the sacred wisdom that visits the wooded trail, the cathedral and the library is rather obvious. But chaos can be its own kind of enlightening hum. Your instinct will find truth between the vibrations.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

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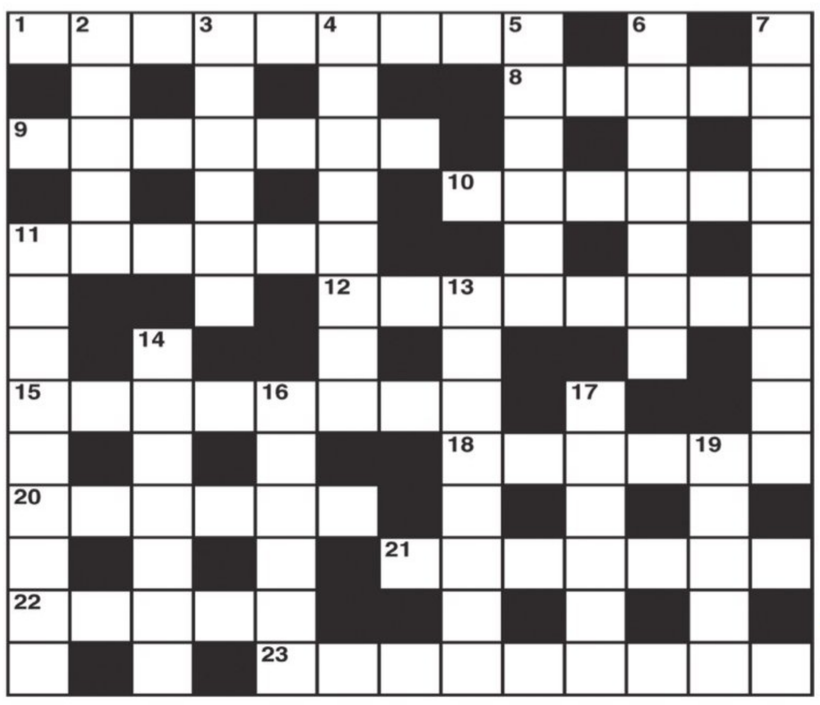

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Laid quiet perhaps? No, it's actually murder (9)
8 Goatlike figure heads a list of animals (5)
9 Restricts Army grub (7)
10 He has absolute control of the French vessel (6)
11 Puts one off in a humble way? (6)
12 A quiet little craving (8)
15 Date-producer oddly in a temper about the pound (4,4)
18 Act One needs rewriting straight away (2,4)
20 Show preference for a penthouse (4-2)
21 Major acting role in Shaw play (7)
22 Result in a case of two men sued for damages (5)
23 Port gives mother a bad character (9)

DOWN

2 I'm a long time making a picture (5)
3 Neutral gear (6)
4 Is around perhaps but it disappeared ages ago (8)
5 Spent two notes at the entertainment (6)
6 Fruitful source of fairytale transport (7)
7 Domineering lady that knights had to bear (6-3)
11 Charm died out when dissipated (9)
13 Agreeable countryman about fifty (8)
14 Case Len resolved to clear up (7)
16 Summer's sway (6)
17 He has taking ways (6)
19 About time! (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Objects, 4 Frame, 7 Nook, 8 Retrench, 10 Dead secret, 12 Ledger, 13 Action, 15 Spare parts, 18 High time, 19 Pier, 20 Reedy, 21 Tracery.

Down: 1 Owned, 2 Jeopardy, 3 Sketch, 4 Fire escape, 5 Anne, 6 Echelon, 9 Osteopathy, 11 Migraine, 12 Leather, 14 Prompt, 16 Spray, 17 Ague.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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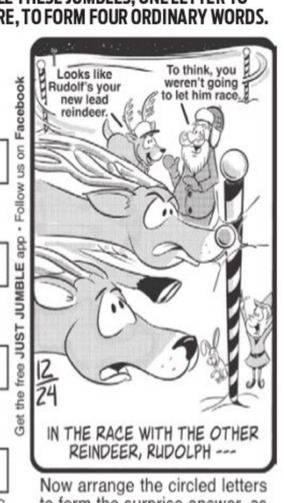
Looks like Rudolf's your new lead reindeer.
To think, you weren't going to let him race.
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IN THE RACE WITH THE OTHER REINDEER, RUDOLPH ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: NOISY TUNER WINNER DETECT
Answer: To some people, the idea of eliminating the penny is — "NON-CENTS"

A 27-year-old private bank employee was killed after a speeding bike rammed into her on Rajkumar Road, in the Rajajinagar Traffic police station limits, on Monday. The deceased was Yogeshwari, a resident of Kempegowda Layout in Laggere. She was working in the home loan section of a private bank on Rajkumar Road. Police said Yogeshwari was heading out for lunch after work, got hit by the bike

City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh inspects drugs seized by the city police and the Anti-Narcotics Wing | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

3 foreign nat'ls among 15 held in ₹21 cr drug haul

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Anti-Narcotics Wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) and the city police arrested 15 drug peddlers, including three foreign nationals and 12 people from other states, for peddling drugs in the city. The police seized various drugs worth Rs 21.05 crore.

The CCB sleuths arrested a foreign national identified as Ibrahim and seized 5 kg of MDMA worth Rs 11 crore from him. Ibrahim came to India on a business visa and had previously been arrested in drug-related cases in Delhi, Bengaluru, and Arunachal Pradesh. Though he was recently released from jail, he allegedly resumed peddling. The Govindapura police arrested a South African national, Corley Daniel, who had come to India on a sports visa. The accused had come to participate in football matches organised in Kerala and was allegedly involved in drug peddling in Bengaluru. 56 grams of MDMA crystals worth Rs 24.48 lakh were seized from him. The Hebbagodi police also arrested a Senegalese national, Barry Yaya alias Okoli, who was allegedly selling various narcotic substances.

The Amruthahalli police arrested two peddlers from Kerala for allegedly smuggling hydro ganja concealed in chocolate and wafer covers from abroad. Police seized 5 kg of hydro ganja worth Rs 5 crore from Majid and Azad. In addition, the JB Nagar, Sheshadripuram, and other police stations seized various narcotic substances from others, including LSD tablets, 546 grams of MDMA, 152 grams of hydro ganja, 131 grams of cocaine, and 27 LSD strips.

Police chief warns parents against underage driving

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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BENGALURU Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh has taken a serious note of highway accidents in Hoskote and MN Halli, killing 12 persons in total, including five minors in the Bengaluru Rural police limits. On Tuesday, he instructed the traffic police to conduct a special drive starting Tuesday against underage riding/driving.

He said, "The traffic police have made a detailed plan to address the issue. Vehicle keys should be handed over only to those who have valid licences. Cases will be booked against minors, their parents and owners of vehicles. I am requesting and warning parents not to allow their minor children to ride/drive."

In 2023, the traffic police booked 95 cases against minors and their parents, in 2024 the cases went up to 197 and last year, 414 cases were filed. Karthik Reddy, Joint Commisioner of Police (Traffic), said, "Minors either without the knowledge or encouragement of their parents are involved in accidents in the city. If any minors are caught, we will book cases against the minors, vehicle owners and their parents and will produce them before court. The drive will be regular. I request parents to keep a vigil on their children."

Seven persons, including five minor boys, died on the spot in the accident involving a new XUV 700, a two-wheeler and a canter on Friday between 4.30 am and 4.45 am on the access-controlled Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR) expressway between Hoskote and Devanahalli near Kamablipura. On Saturday night, five persons died in an another horrific accident on the flyover near Jindal Hospital on the Bengaluru-Tumakuru road.

BREAK TIME

Poland Coach Krzysztof Puna and Zuzanna Pawlikowska watch a match during women Open ITF world Tennis Tour 2026, at SM Krishna Tennis Stadium, in Bengaluru on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR

EXPRESS READ

Son kills retd BMTC staffer over property

Bengaluru: A 70-year-old retired BMTC employee, was assaulted by his son on February 14 over a property dispute, succumbed to his injuries on Monday. The Indiranagar police registered a case and arrested the accused. The deceased Munikrishnappa, was a resident of Dhoopanahalli. He has two sons, Mohan Kumar, 39, a real estate agent, and Gajendra. He owned property worth several crores. It is said that there was a dispute between Munikrishnappa and his sons over the property. Police said that Munikrishnappa had gone for a walk with his dog near his house. His son Kumar assaulted him with a hockey stick and an iron rod. He sustained injuries and collapsed. Gajendra's wife Divya filed a complaint against Munikrishnappa's sons over the assault. While Gajendra is living separately, Divya lived with her in-laws. ENS

Engg student jumps from 13th floor of college

Bengaluru: A 20-year-old engineering student ended her life by jumping from the 13th floor of a private engineering college hostel building located near Nagadenehalli in Dodaballapura rural police station on Monday. The deceased was Nayana, a fourth-semester Computer Science student and a resident of Sarjapura. She was staying in the college hostel. Police said that Nayana had informed her friend that she was going to fill a water bottle before going to the 13th floor of the building, where lift installation work was going on. She apologised to her parents and stated that no one was responsible for her death. The police seized her mobile. Based on her father's complaint, Venkatesh, a case was registered against the contractor and the college management for negligence. ENS

Empty goods train derails near Ramanagara

Bengaluru: TRAIN services on the Bengaluru–Mysuru section were disrupted on Tuesday around 5 pm after a wagon of a New Modified Goods train, which was empty, derailed between Bidadi and Ramanagara in Bengaluru Division of the South Western Railway. There were no casualties. Railways initiated restoration measures and dispatched an accident relief train from KSR Bengaluru Railway Station to the site to expedite track clearance. The derailment disrupted four passenger trains with services either cancelled, partially cancelled or rescheduled. Officials said efforts were under way to restore normal traffic on the stretch at the earliest. Railway authorities said passengers are advised to check the latest updates. However, officials said the restoration work is completed. ENS

Posing as cops, gang robs couple at their house

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

POSING as policemen, a gang of robbers robbed a couple at their house in BEL Layout on Monday of Rs 20 lakh in cash and nearly 500 grams of gold ornaments.

The Byadarahalli police have registered a case. The accused entered the victim's house claiming to see the CCTV footage, as there were thefts in the area. Out of the four accused, two gained entry into the house by posing as policemen attached to the Yelahanka police station, while the other two were waiting outside.

The incident happened in the residence of Hombale Gowda, a realtor and a civil contractor. Gowda, his wife Mangalamma and their two-and-a-half-year-old granddaughter were at home. Gowda's son and daughter-in-law had gone outside. Police said that the accused had committed the robbery within 20 minutes.

Gowda, who opened the door, was held at knife point. The couple's hands and legs were tied. They even gagged them with a cloth.

They have also taken away the mobiles and the CCTV DVR. Surprisingly, they have not taken the mangalasutra of Mangalamma. The accused has not touched the girl. "Two teams have been formed," said an officer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **Mr.Mahesh.E** S/o Mr. V.Eshwaraiah has Mortgaging the property bearing No.46, Assessment No.75/1, New E-PID No.1295617976, BBMP Khatha No.398, measuring East to West 33 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 1320 Sq. feet, situated at Mallasandra Village, Dasarahalli CMC, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, in favour of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.

If any person or persons have any right, title, interest, claim, or objection whatsoever in respect of the above said property, they are hereby required to notify the undersigned in writing with documentary proof within 10 (Ten) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Failing which, it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all encumbrances, and my client shall be at liberty to proceed with the transaction without any further reference.

Deepa A.M, Advocate
No.6, Bhumika, 80 feet Road, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore 560040. **KAR/474/2012**
Dated : 18.02.2026

IN THE COURT OF THE VI ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT AT BANGALORE

P & S.C. No. 17/2026

BETWEEN : Sri. Naresh .P, S/o Late G. Panchalaiah, Aged about 33 years, R/at No. 115/3, 12th Main Road, NRI Layout, Kalkere, Horamavu, Bangalore 560043. **...PETITIONER**
AND : Nil ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed to this court under section 276 of Indian Succession Act, seeking grant of probate certificate in respect Will dated 22/01/2025 executed by G.Penchalaiah in respect of the schedule property who is the son of the Deceased in favour of Naresh.P i.e., petitioner in the above petition the said petition is posted for hearing **on 18/04/2026 at 11.00 a.m** before VI ADJ Any person/s having any objection may come and participate in the proceedings in person or by pleader.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No 115/3 (old No. 115) House List No. 220, presently BBMP Katha No. 220/115, Katha No. 7166, EPID No. 8046725516, Horamavu Group Panchayath No. 370, situated at Kalkere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West: 41 ft and North to South 21 ft in all measuring 820 sq.ft along with Ground and First Floor building and bounded on:-

East by: Old No. 114, Present No. 115 and 114 formed 20 ft Road, **West by:** Site No. 116, **North by:** Site No. 115/2, **South by:** Site No. 104.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Court on this 16th day of February 2026.

By Order of the Court,
I/c Chief Administrative Officer,
Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.
Mohan Kumar .N, Advocate
No. 6, Gurukurpa Building, 8th Cross Down, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to public that our client Sri.A.H.Srinath is intending to purchase and mortgage the schedule property with Piramal Finance Limited.

If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within seven days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.

SCHEDULE :

All that piece and parcel of BBMP EPID No. 5604270341, BBMP Property No. 2513/Sy.No. 111/1C, BBMP Sl. No. 2513, in Converted Sy.No. 111/1C, Old Sy. No. 111/1, Khatha No.2513, New e-PID No.5604270341, Situated at KADUGODI, BidarahalliHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, previously jurisdiction of Mahadevapura CMC, Bangalore, now comes under BBMP, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 61.1+54.1/2ft and North to South: 61.1+91.3/2ft , totally measuring 4356 Sq., Feet, and bounded on the East by: Sy. No. 111/1, West By: Sy. No. 111/1D and 1G, North by: Road, South by: Sy. No. 112.

V.L. Associates
Advocates
No.56, Out house, 19th Main Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.
Ph: 9481900851/9743323668.
Place: Bangalore Date: 17.02.2026

Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)
Regional office, Shed No. A-99, 3rd Main Road, 2nd Stage Peenya, Bengaluru-560058 | Ph: 9900306365 | E-Mail: khdcsilk@gmail.com

No. KHDCL/2025-26/IND0027(Call-2) Date: 17.02.2026

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION-2nd Call

Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation Limited (KHDCL) Invites tender as per Karnataka Transparency Act 1999 & Rules 2000 in two cover System (Technical & Financial Bids) through KPP Portal of Government of Karnataka (**https://kppp.Karnataka. gov.in**) from reputed Reelers, Twisters & Silk Traders **Who are registered with National Handloom Development Corporation Limited**, for supply of **2500 kgs of Silk Yarn**. The last date for submission of tender is **24.02.2026 upto 5.30 PM.** Corporation reserves the right to partially or totally accept/reject the tender without any notification.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/JA/5668/2025-26 MANAGER PRODUCTION (SILK)

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: CEE/Tr(Op)ZB/SEE(O)/AE-4/2025-26/10440 Dated: 16.02.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through kpp portal Mode Only)

KPTCL invites bid against Enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/T(O)Z/BZ/DEO-OA-Driver-31/2025-26, for **Providing manpower services of 63 Nos. of Data Entry Operators, 36 Nos. of Office attendants and 01 No of Driver for Innova Vehicle required at Offices of Transmission (Operation) Zone, KPTCL, Bengaluru.**

The bids will be received through Electronic Tender mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquires in the E-Tendering process can be obtained by logging into e-procurement web site **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **19.02.2026.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/-, Chief Engineer (Electy)., Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, A.R.Circle, Bengaluru-09.

Department of School Education
Office of the Director, Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-01
e-mail mdmskarnataka@gmail.com

No. M5/PMP/N.O/2025-26/E-1693821 Date: 17/02/2026

NOTIFICATION

Office of the Director PM-POSHAN requires **one NUTRITION OFFICER** on Contract basis for 3 years on consolidated Remuneration of Rs. 90,000/- per month.

Qualification: Master Degree (PG) in Home Science (Food & Nutrition) or Master Degree (PG) in Science and Allied Science from recognized Institution/University or certified Diploma in Nutrition / Diploma in Public Health Nutrition / Bachelor's Degree in Home Science from recognized Institution / University

Experience: Minimum 3 years of experience as Nutritionist in any Health institution or Teaching Professor in Nutrition Education Institution. Candidates with Phd and experience in PM Poshan Shakthi Nirman scheme execution work are preferred. The eligible and experienced candidates may apply with relevant document by e-mail or by post **on or before 27.02.2026.**

Sd/- [Director] , PM-Poshan Shakti Nirman , Nrupatunga Road, Bengaluru-01.

MAHARASHTRA METRO RAIL CORPORATION LTD.
(A joint venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of Maharashtra)
PUNE METRO RAIL PROJECT
A-2 & A-3 Blocks, Nyaymurti Ranade Path, District Court Interchange Metro Station, Shivaji Nagar, Pune 411005 **Tel. :** 020-26051074
Email : tenders.pmrp@mahametro.org | **Website :** www.punemetrorail.org

Tender No. P1-O&M-16/2025 Date : 18/02/2026

Name of Work : Five-year Annual Maintenance Contract of TRSL make Metro Rolling Stock (Preventive maintenance and Corrective maintenance) for Pune Metro Rail Project Phase-1 of Maha-Metro

Interested bidders may visit Pune Metro Rail website **www.punemetrorail.org/tenders** to view this tender notice (NIT), download the Tender documents and obtain further details regarding the Tender from e-tender portal of MAHA-METRO (Pune) under e-tenders section. Bidders can visit the Maha-Metro website **www.mahametro.org** or CPP website **https://eprocure.gov.in** from **16:00 hrs. on 18/02/2026 to 16:00 Hrs. of 01/04/2026.**

Executive Director (Procurement & Contract), PMRP, Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Limited

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ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
Head Office: 10-152/1, Sri Sai Towers, Bandar Road, Kanuru, Vijayawada - 520007

Lr.No.Mktg.M6/RG Dall/Tenders/April'2026 to June'2026 Dt: 17.02.2026

NATIONAL SHORT TENDER NOTICE

BIDS ARE INVITED FROM ELIGIBLE BIDDERS FOR SUPPLY OF 1687.500 MTs (+25%) OF R.G Dall IN 1 KG PACKET FORM WITH SECONDARY PACKING IN 50 KG NEW POLYPROPYLENE (PP) BAGS UNDER ICDS/THR SCHEMES FOR THE MONTHS FROM APRIL'2026 to JUNE'2026 (Three Months) TO ALL THE MLS POINTS OF (26) DISTRICTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH STATE.

All the interested R.G Dall Manufacturers in All Over India may visit **www.apscscl.in** & **www.neml.in** to view and download tender documents at free of cost.

Interested bidders need to register in portal as vendor with NCDEX e Markets Limited to participate in the tenders. **Contact Tel: 9962059599 or 9032429420 or 9885549722** and **Email: askus@neml.in.**

Last date for registration and completion of formalities for the e-auction shall be up to **25.02.2026 at 5.00 P.M** and the tentative date of online e-auction through NeML platform would be **27.02.2026** from **11.00 A.M** onwards.

Sd/-
VC & MANAGING DIRECTOR

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrowers(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	31879630000683 & 31879170069330	1) Mrs. Bibi Fathima, 2) Mr. Syed Rafeeq Ulla	19.11.2025 Rs.3,18,816,80 (Rupees Three Lakh Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Sixteen and Eighty Paisa Only) due as on 17-11-2025	Date: 14/02/2026 Time: 01:20 PM Symbolic Possession

Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel the Property Site No.210, Present Aramane Nagar Municipal No.08, Old Corporation Division No.45, Measuring East to West 25 feet and North to South 9.5 feet, situated at 1st Cross, Rajmahal, Guttahalli, Venkatarangapura Bangalore and **Bounded on: East by:** Private Property, **West by:** 3rd Main Road, **North by:** Share allotted to Mr. Syed Aleem the Second Party Herein, **South by:** 1st Cross Road.

Whereas the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 18.02.2026
Sd/- Authorised Officer,
For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)
Registered Office: **The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.**

THE TAMILNADU CO-OP. MILK PRODUCERS' FEDN. LTD.,
JOINT MANAGING DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, PLOT NO.29 & 30,SIDCO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, AMBATTUR, CHENNAI - 600098.
Tel. Ph. Nos.: 23464528, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, Fax No.: 044-23464536 e-mail – dgmpurchase@gmail.com

TENDER NOTICE

A Two Part Open e-Tender is invited from the Manufacturers for the Purchase of following item for Products Dairy, Ambattur and Dairy Cum Powder Plant, Thiruvannamalai through online tender submission.

Sl. No.	Ref. No.	Description	Estimate Value (Rs. in Lakh)	Important Dates: Tender Document Availability Date & Time on the Portal for downloading and e-submission	Date & Time of Pre-Bid meeting	Date & Time of Closing of e-Submission of Technical Bid and Financial Bid.	Date & Time of opening of Part-I Technical Bid of e-Tender
1.	05/K1/2026	200 ml Butter Milk PET Bottle with Sleeves and Lid to meet the Two-years requirement for Products Dairy, Ambattur, Chennai	304.00	19.02.2026 to 09.03.2026 Upto 3.00 P.M.	27.02.2026 by 11.00 A.M.	09.03.2026 by 3:00 P.M.	10.03.2026 by 11.30 A.M.
2.	5959/K6/2025	Printed PVC Cast Heat Shrink Sleeves for packing various sizes of Ghee PET Jars to meet the one-year requirement of the Dairy Cum Powder Plant, Thiruvannamalai {Delivery – Two Locations (Tamilnadu & Kerala) }	28.50		27.02.2026 by 11.30 A.M.		10.03.2026 by 12.00 Noon

The Tender documents can be submitted as e-tendering through the e-procurement website **"https://tntenders.gov.in".** Earnest Money Deposit to be remitted by means of online payment only. For pre-qualification criteria, specifications, EMD payable, place of tender opening, etc., please refer the tender document available at website **www.tntenders.gov.in** and **www.aavinmilk.com.** Tender document can also be downloaded at free of cost.

DIPR / 1171 / TENDER /2026 JOINT MANAGING DIRECTOR, TCMPF LTD.

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Home Minister G Parameshwara on Tuesday said that Dakshina Kannada district is witnessing a decline in overall crime rate and asserted that peace is returning to the coastal region

SIDDU WILL REVEAL DECISION ON LEADERSHIP AT RIGHT TIME: DKS

DCM says CM, high command and he jointly took decision on the leadership issue

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DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said on Tuesday that he along with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and the Congress high command had jointly taken a decision on the leadership issue. "We will reveal the decision at the right time. It was not taken secretly. Siddaramaiah will convey the message to the people at an appropriate time," he told reporters here.

On Social Welfare Minister HC Mahadevappa's remarks against some Congress leaders making statements on leadership change in the state, Shivakumar said he will not react to Mahadevappa or other leaders.

On legislators' foreign trips, Shivakumar said he has no information about it. "I have no information about any trip. I came to know about it through the media. I don't know whether it is their personal or sponsored trips. As KPCC president, I will not interfere in this matter," he added.

Govt land for Cong bhavans

Deputy Chief Minister Shivakumar confirmed that government land will be used to construct Congress bhavans across the state.

Responding to BJP leaders' allegation that government land is being identified to build Congress bhavans, he said 100 such bhavans will be built to mark the centenary of Mahatma Gandhi's Congress presidency. "We will allot 5,000 to 10,000 sq ft of land for Congress bhavans in district and taluk headquarters," he said.

Slamming Opposition parties, Shivakumar said, "During the BJP rule, land was allotted in more than 100 places in Bengaluru for various trusts. Land given to Chanakya University is worth Rs 10 crore per acre. But the BJP government allotted 100 acres of land at Rs 50 lakh per acre and collected crores in the name of CSR fund. The BJP government misused power. Without allotment of land, how was the RSS office built?"

He said BJP leaders need not lecture us. Let them make allegations. We have taken a decision to build our party's offices which are like temples to us. It is our duty and I will definitely do it. We are allotting land as per norms. Those against it may approach a court of law," he said.

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>
> DK Shivakumar, Deputy CM

> Political parties are allowed to get one government site, but misusing power, the Congress acquired sites across taluk and districts. This is a serious legal lapse
>
> Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, BJP

BJP to Cong: Return sites taken for offices 'illegally'

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LEADER of Opposition in Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy alleged that the Congress acquired sites illegally at 31 locations across the state to set up party offices. He demanded that the government return the sites to departments from where they were obtained, and threatened to go to court and stage protests.

At a press conference on Tuesday, Narayanaswamy said the government has no authority to obtain sites at taluks, districts and panchayats. The government has committed a violation and officials themselves have said these allotments were illegal. "Despite this, the cabinet has given approval for the sites," he said. He pointed out that the Congress government should have provided houses to the poor and land to the landless. "Instead, they are indulging in land grabbing," he said.

According to Narayanaswamy, the Congress grabbed five sites from the revenue department and 26 from municipalities as well as local bodies.

He said the Congress had attempted to obtain a site on lease in Mudhol for constructing a party office, but the department rejected it. In Chikkaballapur, the party obtained a civic amenity site. "The 3,404 sqmt site worth Rs 4.08 crore was taken by them for Rs 2.04 crore, which is half the value," he said and alleged that similar sites were taken in Tumakuru, Ramanagara, Chamarajanagar, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts and undervalued sites in Gauribidanuru, Manvi Basavakalyan, Channarayapatna and Shahpur.

In Hubballi-Dharwad, no price was fixed for the site. "Officials had reportedly stated that civic amenity sites cannot be allotted to the Congress Bhavan Trust. However, the matter was placed before the Cabinet and got approval," he alleged. "The government has done this based on the report given by Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh," he said and demanded the law department to examine the matter.

Narayanaswamy said BJP built offices in many places by purchasing private land and has not taken government land. "Political parties are allowed to get one government site, but misusing power, the Congress acquired sites across taluk and districts. This is a serious legal lapse," he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah welcomes US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor at his official residence 'Kaveri' in Bengaluru on Tuesday

US ambassador, CM discuss AI, emerging tech partnership

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US Ambassador Sergio Gor, who met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on Tuesday, said they discussed the strength of the United States' partnerships in Bengaluru and the promise of AI and emerging tech. "Great meeting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah today! We discussed the strength of the United States' partnerships in Bengaluru and the promise of AI and emerging tech. The state of Karnataka hosts over 700 US companies!" he stated after the meeting.

Siddaramaiah stated that they had a cordial interaction. "Mr Sergio Gor, Ambassador of the United States to India, paid a courtesy call at my official residence, Cauvery. We had a cordial interaction and exchanged views on matters of mutual interest. Karnataka values its engagement with global partners and remains committed to strengthening international cooperation," the CM posted on X.

On Monday, Gor met Bangaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya, who had also taken him on an autorickshaw ride. "Over some masala dosa & strong coffee at Filter Coffee, Indiranagar, we had an engaging conversation on the growing India-US partnership, especially in trade, technology, and innovation, following the interim trade agreement. Also introduced him to Namma Auto. A memorable ride indeed," the MP tweeted.

Spl summary revision for Bagalkot, D'gere South

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THE Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Karnataka, on Tuesday released the special summary revision of 2026 for Bagalkot Assembly (24) and Davangere South Assembly (107) constituencies. The electoral rolls of the assembly constituencies have been published at the offices of the deputy commissioners, electoral registration officers and assistant electoral roll registration officers as well as at polling stations and on the website of the CEO for people verify their details.

As per data, in Bagalkot (24), there are 2,58,118 general electors of which 1,26,233 are males and 1,31,863 females, 391 service voters, two overseas voters and 2,582 voters with disabilities. The constituency has 3 8 electors aged 100 years and above and 3,039 above 85 years of age.

In Davanagere South (107), there are 2,32,564 voters of which 1,14,165 are males and 1,18,355 females. There are also 36 service voters and 2,204 young voters (aged between 18-19 years). There are also 2,542 PwD voters and one overseas voter. The constituency houses 44 voters who are aged above 100 years and 2,157 above 85 years.

The data from the CEO Karnataka also showed that Bagalkot received 8,799 forms under Form 6, 7 and 8, of which 212 were rejected. In Davangere, they received 3,315 forms of which 144 were rejected.

'Aggrieved person can't be pol party'

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THE complaint was filed against the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and Rahul Gandhi, Keshava Prasad alleged that the advertisements made false and reckless allegations, terming the then BJP government "40 per cent Commission Sarkara (government)".

The special court issued a summons to Rahul, accused No. 4, who appeared before it on June 7, 2024, and was granted bail. He later moved the high court challenging the legality of the proceedings against him.

Allowing his petition, the high court said the continuance of the proceedings against him would amount to an abuse of the legal process.

The complainant's counsel contended that Rahul's tweet, in which he was stated to have posted the advertisement along with certain additional remarks, would be marked at a subsequent stage. But the court observed that such an explanation cannot cure the legal defect of not having the tweet on record to connect him with defamation when the summons was issued to him.

The court stated that the reference in the advertisement was made to constitutional functionaries and government employees being beneficiaries, and to the irregularities in government schemes. "None of the persons or entities referred to here are before this court. Accordingly, the aggrieved person in the advertisement series factually cannot be the political party," it said.

The complainant appears to indicate that its state unit, the government formed by it (BJP Sarkar) and the complainant, BJP, a national party, have been defamed. The aggrieved person is BJP, then the complaint ought to have been filed by the duly authorised representative of the national party. However, the letter of authorisation is issued by the president of the state unit. Such authorisation cannot be accepted as legal authorisation.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah chairs a pre-budget meeting with farmers at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Tuiesday | EXPRESS

CM: Govt committed to protecting farmers

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said agriculture is one of the priority sectors of the state government and they are fully committed to protecting farmers' interests.

The CM, who held a pre-budget meeting with representatives of farmers' organisations, said he has assured them of looking into their demands. The CM stated that the government is committed to protecting farmers' interests, and there is no compromise on that.

Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy, representatives of several farmers' organisations and senior officials from the agriculture department attended the pre-budget meeting. The Federation of Farmers' Associations, which was part of the pre-budget meeting, submitted a memorandum demanding that banks should provide agricultural loans of up to 75 per cent of the land value to farmers, and the state government should provide 20 per cent reservation in government jobs to girls marrying farmers' sons.

The federation stated that the price of sugarcane should be fixed in the farmers' lands, desilt lakes and shift the silt to farmers lands, provide Rs 10,000 financial assistance, bring in a law to take stern action against those selling substandard seeds, fertilisers and pesticides and provide insurance cover for all crops.

'Final decision after discussions'

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Sources in the Women and Child Welfare Department said they too are streamlining the Gruha Lakshmi scheme, in which women heads of family get Rs 2,000 every month. "In 2023, over 1.3 crore women had registered. Later, it was found that many beneficiaries were paying income tax or their spouses were IT payers, which is against the rules. Also, a large number of beneficiaries are dead, but the money continues to be credited into their accounts. The government is now planning to introduce life certificates similar to pensions. It will help us save crores," sources said. Under Yuva Nidhi, youngsters can get money only for two years after graduation, but many continue to receive funds even three years after getting out of college, while some are also working. There are issues with Gruha Jyothi, the free power scheme, too. A senior government official said there have been multiple suggestions to reduce the amount allocated for guarantee schemes. "While some ineligible beneficiaries are removed, some continue to get added. No final decision has been taken yet. We will have clarity after a couple of rounds of discussion," the official added.

HC declared Subbareddy's election void for false declaration of assets, liabilities

YATHIRAJU @Bengaluru

DECLARING dues as 'Nil' and falsifying sources of income, details of businesses run by him and his wife, lands owned by him and their nature in the affidavit during the filing of nomination by Bagepalli Congress MLA S N Subbareddy would amount to ''corrupt practice'' leading to ''undue influence'', falling under the ambit of Section 123(2), and would form a ground for declaring his election void under Section 100(1)(b) of the Representation of the People (RP) Act, 1951, said the Karnataka High Court.

Setting aside the election of Subbareddy as MLA in 2023, the high court also rejected the prayer made by the petitioner and BJP's defeated candidate, C Muniraju, who questioned the election of Subbareddy, to declare Muniraju as duly elected to fill the seat of Bagepalli constituency.

There are no specific materials as to how many votes more than 19,179 were secured by Subbareddy through corrupt practices. Thus, except for the cryptic averment in the petition, nothing is forthcoming to enable the court to declare Muniraju an elected candidate, the court added. Muniraju lost the election by 19,179 votes.

Also declining the request of Subbareddy's counsel to stay the verdict to enable filing an appeal before the Supreme Court against this order, the high court directed the Registry to communicate this order to the Speaker of the state legislature and also forward a certified copy to the Election Commissioner as required under Section 103 of RP Act, 1951, read with Rule 19 of Election Petitions Procedure Rules, Karnataka.

Justice M G S Kamal delivered the verdict on Monday, partly allowing the petition filed

by Muniraju. The court noted that merely because Subbareddy owns and possesses assets worth several hundred crores, it cannot be the reason to condone or exempt the mandatory requirement of true and full disclosure of details. His possessing a huge amount of wealth cannot be the reason to accept the contention of "substantial compliance", merely because the value of undisclosed assets and the outstanding amount due to the government are comparatively less or insignificant, the court observed.

False statement or a false declaration, that too made on oath, inherently carries with it corrupt, deceitful, dishonest and fraudulent intent, which once proved, neither requires further probe of its innocence nor the need of testing the same through the lens of substantiality, the court observed.

The court found fault with Subbareddy as he did not disclose businesses, including of liquor, in Bengaluru and the corresponding current account balance relating to Subbareddy and his wife, agricultural land owned by him, the nature of the land and their approximate market value, and false declaration by him that municipal/property tax dues about his properties, his wife and daughter as "Nil'.

Subbareddy claimed that the non-payment of property tax was an inadvertent error committed by his employees, and he had no intention of either suppressing or misleading.

B'luru a leading hub for AI: Priyank

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IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge on Tuesday said Bengaluru is emerging as one of the world's leading hubs for artificial intelligence, citing global rankings and rapid ecosystem growth.

Kharge said Bengaluru ranks fifth globally in AI skilling and is among the top 10 cities for AI startups. He attributed the growth to the state government's early focus on AI education, policy support and entrepreneurship.

"We are gaining momentum. We are ensuring that our state delivers for the nation," he said, adding that the government is prioritising large-scale reskilling and upskilling programmes to create a highly employable workforce.

The minister's remarks are based largely on indicators such as AI skill penetration and talent density, rather than overall ecosystem rankings. Recent reports have placed Bengaluru among the top global cities for AI talent and research output, with the city hosting a significant share of India's AI professionals.

Priyank Kharge, Minister for IT, BT and Rural Development, and Anne Le Hénaff, Minister Delegate for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Affairs, Government of France, discuss collaboration across innovation, skilling, artificial intelligence (AI), startup ecosystems and digital governance, in Bengaluru on Tuesday

Kharge's comments come amid a series of investments in Karnataka's technology sector. Several international AI companies have expanded or announced operations in Bengaluru in recent months, strengthening the city's position as India's technology capital.

The state government has also explored partnerships with the United Kingdom and France in areas such as AI, aerospace, defence and skilling, including proposals for startup exchange and joint incubation programmes.

Snehamayi releases audio alleging bribe offer

MYSURU: Social activist Snehamayi Krishna, who is fighting a legal battle in the alleged MUDA scam, has released a short audio clip of an attempt to bribe him. Krishna alleged that the audio, which he released on his social media account, suggests a possible plan by a former commissioner of the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) to lure him with monetary inducements. He, however, made public only a six-second portion of the recording. Krishna said the complete audio clip would be submitted to the Lokayukta. He said he chose to share only a brief excerpt for now, adding that the full recording would be handed over to the authorities as part of the ongoing probe. In the audio clip, the former MUDA commissioner speaks to a person seeking to arrange a one-on-one meeting with the activist.

Two boys from Calvary Chapel Trust in Koppal are missing for over a month. Dinesh (17) and Kumaraswamy (16), went missing on January 8. Police suspect kidnapping. Those with information can contact the Women's police station at 08539-221233, Investigating Officer Suryakantha (ASI): 9743842109

Korean games trap youth in web of addiction

Parents must stop using mobiles as pacifiers, spend quality time with their children: Docs

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

A new wave of digital addiction is sweeping through the urban pockets of Gadag and surrounding districts, as children and teenagers between the ages of 10 and 25 fall deeper into the rabbit hole of interactive Korean online games. What begins as casual entertainment is rapidly escalating into a public health concern, with doctors now stepping in to raise awareness about the severe psychological and physical fallout.

Titles like PUBG, Free Fire, and the so-called 'Lover Game' have become household names, but their impact is proving detrimental to academic futures and mental stability.

Designed with algorithms to ensure heavy user engagement, these platforms are consuming hours of a student's day, leading to a sharp decline in academic performance. Worried parents of SSLC and PUC students have begun lodging complaints with school authorities, noting that their children have become withdrawn, irritable, and increasingly isolated.

Local physicians report a surge in health issues directly linked to excessive screen time, including myopia, sleep disorders, and aggravated mobile addiction. However, the most alarming symptoms are psychological. Children are forming online groups to play simultaneously, often using virtual interactions with partners who assign tasks. This intense immersion is blurring the lines between reality and the game, forcing many young players to self-quarantine in their rooms, where they chase the synthetic highs of happiness and surprise offered by the virtual world.

The ordeal faced by Rakesh Patil, a resident of Gadag, highlights the terrifying consequences of this trend. "My son was a brilliant student for the past eight years. Now that he is in the ninth standard, he is always on his mobile," Patil recounted. "He started having sleep disturbances and began screaming at night. When we consulted a doctor, we learned he is suffering from night terrors. He dreams he is the character in the online game and screams thinking he is completing the tasks given to him. The doctor has strictly advised us to keep the mobile away from him."

Dr Jitendra Mugali, professor and head of the Department of Psychiatry at K H Patil Institute of Medical Sciences, said, "After a period of addiction, we see a rise in depression, anxiety, and parasomnias like sleep talking, sleep walking, and night terrors. Parents must stop using mobiles as pacifiers. They need to spend quality time with their children and guide them away from these digital traps."

Pass Rohith Vemula Act ahead of budget: Dalits

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EVEN as the Congress government in Karnataka has delayed releasing the draft of the Rohith Vemula Bill, Dalit activists, academics, and students have demanded that it be made public and implemented in educational institutions during the upcoming budget session. Activists have warned of massive protests if the government fails to act.

The "Campaign for Rohith Vemula Act," active for the past two years, has prepared a "People's Draft" aimed at providing equal educational opportunities for SC/ST students and eliminating caste discrimination in institutions. This draft has already been submitted to the state government during previous meetings.

Condemning the delay, Mavalli Shankar, State Convener of the Dalit Sangharsh Samiti (Ambedkar Vaada), said, "The state government has already promised to implement the Rohith Act. It is regrettable that the draft has not yet been made public or discussed in the Assembly. This Act is essential to ensure equal opportunities in higher education for Dalit and Adivasi students. The Congress party, which swears by the Constitution, must take concrete steps to realise the values of the preamble. Enacting the Rohith Vemula Act would mark a historic step toward ensuring dignity, equality, and justice in Karnataka's universities and colleges."

Ashna Singh, Assistant Professor at the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, who conducted research for the draft, said, "To break the caste hierarchy, reservation in government jobs was first implemented during the reign of the Mysore Wodeyars. Karnataka has a history of protecting Dalits, Adivasis, and Bahujans through special laws such as PTCL, KTPP, the abolition of the Devadasi system, and anti-social boycott laws. In this same spirit, implementing the Rohith Act is a necessity."

2 groups throw stones at each other, communal clash averted

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chikkamagaluru

MONDAY night, an alleged incident of stone pelting at the residence of a Hindu person by youths from another community in the Vijayapura Extension had the potential to escalate into a communal clash.

With mutual suspicion between the communities, hundreds of youths from both factions congregated in front of the Basavanahalli police station. Reports suggested that four to five youths from the rival community were hurling stones at Hindu residences, for the past week. The minors, identified as Hussein and Hafsad, were reportedly assaulted, and admitted to the District Government Hospital. An FIR was filed against Vishva Hindu Parishad leader Santhosh Kotyan and Bajrang Dal leader Shyam V Gowda on charges of disturbing the peace and assaulting with lethal weapons.

The situation now appears to be tranquil. The law-abiding citizens hope that no political ramifications will be attached to this incident.

Visitors are currently restricted from herbivore enclosures at Gadag zoo | EXPRESS

After the nilgai's death, antibiotics, immunity boosters and nutritional supplements are given to nilgais and other herbivores as a precaution. No further incidents have been reported
Santosh Kumar Kenchappanavar, Gadag DCF

Herbivores quarantined after nilgai death at zoo

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

HERBIVOROUS animals at Gadag's Binkadakatti Zoo are quarantined after a nilgai died due to Haemorrhagic Septicaemia (HS) infection. As a precaution, visitors are currently restricted from herbivore enclosures, while carnivorous animals such as lions and tigers remain open for viewing.

The incident raised concern among forest officials, especially after the death of blackbucks at Belagavi Zoo some months ago. Timely intervention, medication, quarantine measures and strict implementation of Standard Operating Procedures helped contain the infection, with no further deaths reported. The zoo houses over 200 herbivores, including 40 nilgais. The incident occurred in February first week. Blood samples were sent to the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals in Bengaluru and smear tests to the Veterinary College in Gadag, which confirmed HS infection.

B'luru cops book Assam BJP social media team

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HIMANTA VIDEO

THE High Grounds police registered an FIR against Assam BJP social media handlers over a deleted video of Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, in which he allegedly used a firearm towards an animated image of two men wearing skullcaps.

Ranjith Kumar R, a businessman, filed a complaint with the police on February 12, stating that on February 7, he came across a highly objectionable and disturbing post made on the verified official X handle of BJP Assam. The post, titled "Point Blank Shot...", allegedly contained an image and video depicting Assam CM Sarma, appearing to aim and fire a gun-like weapon at individuals dressed in attire resembling that of a member of the Muslim community. Considering the political stature of the person depicted, the official nature of the handle, and its large number of followers, the caption along with the visual depiction allegedly conveys a threatening and provocative message that normalises and glorifies targeted violence against a specific religious community.

The complainant stated that the post has the potential to instill fear and a sense of vulnerability among members of the Muslim community and to incite hatred and possible violence among certain sections of the public. He sought legal action against Biswajit Khaund, State Social Media Convenor of BJP Assam, and Ron Bikash Gaurav, Co-Convenor of the State Social Media Department of BJP Assam, who are allegedly responsible for managing the official social media accounts.

A case under Sections 192 and 353 is registered.

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e-Tender Notification

E-Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal for the **purchase of Print Journals of Indian and Foreign Medical Journals for 2026 Academic year to the Library & Information Centre of Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bangalore.**

Tender details, EMD details, list of journals and other related details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the e-procurement mode only. Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Interested tenderers have to register in the e-procurement portal, details of which can be viewed in the said website.

Commence date for uploading of tenders: **18.02.2026.** Last date for uploading the tenders: **04.03.2026 before 4.30 pm.** Date of opening of tenders: **06.03.2026 at 10.30 am.**

For further details contact **Director cum Dean, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bangalore.**

Sd/- Director cum Dean
BMCRI, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/YC/5693/2025-26

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

RPCL is invited following tender from eligible contractors through KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in for the following procurements.

1) KPCL/2025-26/IND2427 14-02-2026 Procurement of sulphuric acid for YTPS. **2) KPCL/2025-26/IND2421 13-02-2026** Procurement of self sealing graphite rings for boiler valves. **3) KPCL/2025-26/IND2420 13-02-2026** Procurement of MS bends for YTPS. **4) KPCL/2025-26/IND2418 13-02-2026** Procurement of journal assembly spares for HP 1103 mills. **5) KPCL/2025-26/IND2410 13-02-2026** Procurement of taper roller bearing. **6) KPCL/2025-26/IND2412 11-02-2026** Procurement of APH gear box input shaft bearings. **7) KPCL/2025-26/IND2191/CALL-4 09-02-2026** Procurement of Aluminium Scaffolding. **8) KPCL/2025-26/IND2398 06-02-2026** Procurement of seal air fan expansion bellows. **9) KPCL/2025-26/IND2264/CALL-2 05-02-2026** Procurement of various cutting inserts for central workshop. **10) KPCL/2025-26/IND2373 05-02-2026** Procurement of 07 Nos, 150 ltr industrial water coolers.

Last date & time for bid submission : Sl. No. 1, 5 & 7 : 23-02-2026 16:00 Sl No. 2 & 4 : 26-02-2026, 16.00 Hrs. Sl No. 3 : 25-02-2026, 16.00 Hrs. Sl No. 6 & 8 : 20-02-2026, 16.00 Hrs. Sl No. 9 & 10 : 19-02-2026, 16.00 Hrs. Tender documents shall be downloaded from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the Executive Engineer (MSP), RPCL, YTPS, Yermarus-584 134, Raichur, Mobile: 9480682892, E-mail: eemsprpcl@gmail.com, www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in E-Mail: support@ eprochelpdesk.com

SHORT TERM AUCTION NOTIFICATION

1) KPCL/2025-26/AUCTION131 Sale of Mill Reject Waste Coal (MRWC) for a period of two years excluding monsoon period. Last date and time for submission : 25-02-2026 up to 14:30 hrs. Further details can be obtained from the Executive Engineer (M-2), RPCL, Yermarus Thermal Power Station, Yermarus 584134, Raichur District Cell: +91-8277502840. E-mail: eechpmytpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in/ eechprpcl@gmail.com

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. 947/HBL/EEE/Operations/AE(O)/F-A13/4700 Date: 16.02.2026

LIMITED TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites following tenders pertaining to **Operations Division, KPTCL, Hubballi:**

1) Painting of station equipment and station structure at 220KV SRS. **2)** Supply of maintenance materials required at 220KV R/s Bidnal. **3)** Supply of Fixed contacts for 220kV Class Isolators at 220KV R/s Bidnal. **4)** Procurement of Surge Counter, flexible copper jumps 35sqmm of 2mtr length and 1.1kV support insulators for LA required at 110KV S/s Gopanakoppa. **5)** Supply of 9kV, 10kA, Station class Lightening Arrestors of Metal Oxide Ceramic type with ground disconnector at 110KV S/s Gopanakoppa. **6)** Supply of Meera Excide 71 Herbicide for 220KV SRS Hubballi and 220KV R/s Bidnal. **7)** Supply of PP Rope (26mm dia, 20mm dia & 16mm dia Poly propane rope) for required at TLM Sub Division. **8)** Supply of 198kV Lightening Arrestors (LA) for use at 220KV R/s Bidnal. **9)** Supply of Maintenance materials required at 110KV S/s Gamanagatti. **10)** Supply & fixing of Isolators spares required at 220KV R/s Bidnal. **11)** Supply of TNC & LR Switches required at 220KV SRS. **12)** Supply of 48V, 200Ah, PLCC Battery set required at 220KV R/s Bidnal.

Enquiry and complete materials details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned from **19.02.2026 at 10:00Hrs onwards**. Due date **05.03.2026 at 04:00 pm.**

Sd/- **Executive Engineer (Ele), Operation Division,**
KPTCL, Vidyuth Nagara, Hubballi-580024.

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APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **30.10.2025** calling upon the borrower, co-borrowers and guarantors **1. SHAMEEQ ULLA SHARIFF, 2. FOUZIA KHANUM,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **INR 46,00,721.81/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Seven Hundred Twenty One and Eighty One Paise Only)** as on **27.10.2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Demand notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub – section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **12th day of FEB 2026**.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **THE IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)** for an amount of **INR 46,00,721.81/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Seven Hundred Twenty One and Eighty One Paise Only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub – Section (8) Of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES.

Item No. 1:- All The Piece And Parcel Of Property No. 14-2-10-37, Old Property No. 2458, Resolution No. 109/100/1422/2458, Measuring East-West 9.60 Mtrs. X North-South 10.35 Mtrs. = 99.499113 Sq. Mtrs. Along With Building Constructed Thereon And Situated At Ward No. 14, Nalbandawadi Mohalla, Ramanagara Town, Disrict: Ramanagar, Karnataka-562159, And **Bounded As:- East By:** House Belongs To Syed Sabir, **West By:** Road, **North By:** Conservancy Galli, **South By:** Property Belongs To Shameeq Ulla Sharif (item No. 2)

Item No. 2:- All The Piece And Parcel Of Property No. 14-2-10-37a, Old Property No. 2460, Resolution No. 111/102/1424/2460, Measuring East-West 10.668021 Mtrs. X North-South 2.895606 Mtrs. = 99.499113 Sq. Mtrs., Along With Building Constructed Thereon And Situated At Ward No. 14, Nalbandawadi Mohalla, Ramanagara Town, Disrict: Ramanagar, Karnataka-562159, And **Bounded As:- East By:** House Belongs To Syed Sabir, **West By:** Road, **North By:** Property Belongs To Shameeq Ulla Sharif (Item No. 1), **South By:** House Belongs To Patel Jabbar Sharif

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)

Date: 12-02-2026
Place: KARNATAKA
Loan Account No: 62505140

Govt. of Karnataka (Zilla Panchayat, Gadag)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Gadag
No.PRED/GDG/PB-3/Tender/2025-26/3745 Date: 16-02-2026

E-Procurement Tender Notification
Standard Bid Document KW-3
(One Cover & Two Cover System)

Tenders are invited for the following 03 No. of works as per Karnataka Public Transparency Act-2000 Standard Bid Document KW-3 Rules from eligible PWD contractors through e-Procurement Portal Under H/A: 2023-24 5054 CM Special Grant, 2024-25 5054 Flood Damage Grant, of Panchayat Raj Engineering Department can Participate through https://eproc. karnataka. gov.in The work Indent details are as shown below:

Indent Nos : 16653/CALL-3,16730/CALL-3,16701/CALL-2

The details of Tender Fees and EMD: Tender Fees and correspondence EMD details with respect to work indent details to be seen as per E-Procurement portal. (Minimum Amount : **62.95** Lakhs) (Maximum Amount : **75.11** Lakhs)

Date for Submission of filled in application and Schedule-B through website is : **17-02-2026** to **04-03-2026** Date of opening of Technical Bid : **05-03-2026** at 16:30 hrs and opening of Financial Bid : **06-03-2026** at 16:30 hrs. Successful eligible bidders of the Financial Bid must personally visit the above office for the difference amount of P.S.D. amount in the form of F.D.R. (as per Rule No.13) within 20 days from the date of publishing of the tender. Since it is electronic system and paper less there is no communication through letters, More details can be had during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division,
DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/652/2025-26 **Gadag**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works:

SHARAVATHY HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT

(1) No. KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3691/CALL-3, Dt: 10.02.2026. **Inspection, Testing and certification of Tools and Tackles, for the year 2025-26, as per prevailing Factories act, for all divisions of SGS. EMD: Rs. 10,200/-.** (2) No. KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3667/CALL-3, Dt: 10.02.2026. **Comprehensive annual maintenance contract for a period of one year of Gallagher make integarated perimeter protection system(Electric Fence) installed at SGS. EMD: Rs. 16,900/-.** Last date for submission of tender for both the works **24.02.2026 up to 16.30 Hrs.** Further information can be had from **Executive Engineer (Controls) J,** KPCL, Jogfalls-577435, Dist.: Shivamogga, M: 9141611886.

MAHATMA GANDHI HYDRO ELECTRIC WORKS

No.: KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3642/CALL-2, Dt: 11.02.2026. **Servicing / Overhauling of OPU Pumps, OPU Systems and Pressure Manifold Blocks at MGHE Works.** Last date & time for submission of tenders: **25.02.2026, 15.00 hrs.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (MM) MGHE,** MGHE Works, KPCL, Jogfalls-577435, Sagara Tq., Shivamogga Dist., Karnataka State, M: 9141612716, e-mail: eemmmghekpcl@karnataka.gov.in

SHIMSHA HYDRO POWER STATION

No. KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3944, dtd: 11.02.2026. **Design, supply, installation & commissioning of all type Turbine & Generator bearing temperature RTDs for temperature alarm & trip functioning at Shimsha HES.** EMD: **Rs. 21,500/-.** Work Completion Period: **90 days.** Last date for submission of tender: **03.03.2026 at 16.30 Hrs.** Further details can be had from **Executive Engineer (O&M) SHIMSHA,** KPCL, Shimshapura-571430, Malavalli Tq., Mandya Dist., Mob: **09902835577.**

VARAHI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT

KPCL/2025-26/IND2346/CALL-2, dtd: 10.02.2026. **Supply of Batteries to VHEP.** EMD: **Rs. 7,220/-.** Last date for receipt of tender: **25.02.2026 up to 15.00 Hrs**. Further information can be had from **Executive Engineer(MSP)H,** VHEP, KPCL, Hosangadi-576282, Kundapura (T), Udupi (D), Karnataka, **M: 9448182618.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that our client has proposed to purchase the lands described in the Schedule below, situated at Bannikuppe Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District, from their lawful owners. Any person or persons claiming any right, title, share, interest, or possession over the Schedule Properties, or having any objection to the proposed purchase, are hereby called upon to lodge their objection/s or claim/s, if any, supported by documentary evidence, with the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice. In the absence of any such objection or claim within the prescribed time, our client shall proceed with the completion of the sale transaction, assuming that there are no adverse claims over the said properties.

Sl .No	Ower's Name	Sy.No.	Extent
01	Sri. Manjunath Hegde M.H. son of Late Huchappa and Sri. Rajesh H.G. son of Gurulingaiah H.M.	26/5	1 Acre 37 Guntas
02	Sri. Ashwath Kumar son of Sri. Gopal Krishna	26/6	1 Acre 35 Guntas
03	Sri. Manjunath Hegde M.H. son of Late Huchappa and Sri. Rajesh H.G. son of Gurulingaiah H.M.	26/7	1 Acre 35 Guntas
04	Sri. Ashwath Kumar son of Sri. Gopal Krishna	26/8	1 Acre 35 Guntas
05	Sri. Ashwath Kumar son of Sri. Gopal Krishna	26/10	1 Acre 37 Guntas
	TOTAL		9 Acres 19 Guntas

For : V O J, Advocates & Legal Consultants,#3314, 13th Main, 7th Cross, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru – 560 008.Mobile: 7020179287; Email: vojadvocates@gmail.com

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MbPA-50-2025 **(Head of Department)**

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Bharat Electronics Limited, a premier Navaratna Defence Electronics Company, requires personnel **on temporary basis** for Home Land Security & Smart City Business SBU Bengaluru for its Project at Kerala locations. The details of the posts are as follows:

Sl. No	Post	Qualification	No. of posts	Experience as on 01.02.2026	Period of contract	Remuneration	Location
1	Project Engineer	B.E/B.Tech/B.Sc Engineering (4-year course) in (Electronics, / Electronics & Communication / Electronics & Telecommunication/ Telecommunication/ Communication/ Electrical/ Electrical & Electronics/ Computer Science/Computer Science & Engineering/ Computer Engineering/ Information Science/ Information Technology)	12	2 Years	3 Years, Extendable upto 1 more year	Rs. 40,000	Kerala

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'Har Ek Kaam Desh Ke Naam'

Owing to growing floral demand around Valentine's Day, Kempegowda International Airport transported 60 million rose stems, weighing more than 2,700 tonnes, across 26 international and 47 domestic destinations this season. The feat marked a 38% year-on-year increase in stem volumes and a 64% rise in tonnage

EXPRESS READ

Actress blackmailed with private videos, investigation on

Bengaluru : A 32-year-old Kannada television actress approached the cybercrime police following blackmail by an unknown person demanding money with her private video. The victim, a resident of Yelahanka, is said to have been secretly filmed while she used the restroom at the Indoor Stadium in Koramangala. The incident happened during the recent Women's Throwball and Cricket tournament on February 7. "The accused had sent the obscene video from an Instagram account to the complainant's friend's account, assuming that the account belonged to her. The accused threatened to share more private videos if the money wasn't paid and if the actress refused to join video calls," said an officer. The friend, after seeing the videos and photographs, alerted the complainant. The accused also threatened to circulate the videos on social media.

Prestige Tranquility celebrates Shivaratri

Bengaluru: Prestige Tranquility observed Maha Shivaratri on February 15 with over 5,000 devotees celebrating the occasion. The event was organised by social worker Jitesh Tibrewal. As many as 1,000 rudraksha beads were distributed to devotees on the occasion.

India, France ink MoU for Hammer missile production

Deal done at B'luru summit, attended by Rajnath, French Def Min Vautrin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

IN a significant development, India and France on Tuesday signed an MoU for a joint venture to manufacture Hammer missiles in India by the CMD, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and the Executive Vice-President, Safran Electronics and Defence during the sixth India-France Annual Defence Dialogue in Bengaluru, which was co-chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Minister of the Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs of France, Catherine Vautrin.

The MoU comes close on the heels of India's Defence Acquisition Council, headed by Singh, clearing the purchase of 114 Rafale fighters at a cost of Rs 3.25 lakh crore, to bolster the depleting squadron strength of the Indian Air Force (IAF).

The Annual Defence Dialogue -- a structured ministerial-level bilateral meeting to review and guide defence and security cooperation -- was held in parallel to French President Emmanuel Macron's visit to New Delhi to participate in the AI Impact Summit hosted by India.

Singh and Vautrin discussed a range of bilateral security and defence issues, including priority areas for co-development and co-production of equipment. The two countries announced the reciprocal deployment of officers at the Indian Army and French Land Forces and renewed the 10-year defence cooperation agreement, which was signed by the Defence Secretary, India and Deputy Director General for International Relations and Strategy, France.

The two ministers emphasised on the need for a closer defence partnership and connecting the industries of both nations, especially in the field of niche technology. They reaffirmed the commitment to enhance military-to-military cooperation as a key pillar of the strategic partnership. Singh stated that the recent India-EU Security & Defence partnership marks a significant step in deepening the collective engagement. The two leaders agreed to leverage this framework, both bilaterally and in the wider European context for tangible outcomes that will strengthen regional stability, enhance joint capabilities, and reinforce the enduring Indo-French strategic alignment.

Earlier, Singh welcomed Vautrin on her maiden visit to India and congratulated her on taking over as the French Defence Minister at a critical moment for European and global security. "India deeply appreciates France's steadfast commitment to strategic autonomy and a robust European defence posture," he said. Vautrin appreciated the conversion of Exercise Shakti with the Indian Army from biennial to an annual event.

Singh emphasised that India has been the "first responder" and a "net security provider" for countries in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and has always extended assistance to them in defence, security and maritime domains, to augment their capabilities and ward off any adversary. On terrorism, he stated that Pakistan has a long history of nurturing, nourishing, and promoting cross-border terrorism to create disturbance and violence in India. This, he said, has created a serious threat to peace in the region.

Prior to the meeting, the French defence minister was presented with the guard of honour at the HAL Airport upon her arrival on Tuesday.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with French Minister Catherine Vautrin at the inauguration of Airbus H-125 Assembly Line at Vemgal, Kolar on Tuesday| EXPRESS

> **India deeply appreciates France's steadfast commitment to strategic autonomy and a robust European defence posture**
>
> Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister

'MADE IN INDIA' H125 CHOPPERS TO ROLL OUT OF KOLAR UNIT FROM '27

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron on Tuesday virtually inaugurated India's first private-sector helicopter Final Assembly Line (FAL) for the Airbus H125 light helicopter at Vemagal in Kolar district. The 17-acre facility has been set up by Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) in partnership with Airbus. The first 'Made in India' H125 is expected to be delivered in early 2027 for domestic and export markets across South Asia.

Describing it as a major boost to self-reliance, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said reforms like the corporatisation of ordnance factories and creation of defence industrial corridors have raised private sector participation in defence production to nearly 25%. "Our defence exports have increased manifold, placing India among the leading defence exporters globally," he said, noting that the H125 programme involves an investment exceeding Rs 1,000 crore and will generate significant employment opportunities.

French Minister for the Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs Catherine Vautrin said the project reflects France's commitment to supporting India's industrial and technological ambitions under the Make in India initiative, calling it another example of the trusted partnership between the two countries.

Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu said the facility positions India as an emerging rotary-wing manufacturing hub for South Asia. Calling defence and civil aviation the "twin strategic pillars" of the Indo-French partnership, he pointed to India's rise from the 10th to the third-largest civil aviation market in just 11 years. He said the facility will be certified by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency from inception. Customs duty exemptions announced in the Union Budget 2026 would further support aircraft manufacturing and MRO growth in the country, he added.

Karnataka Industries Minister MB Patil said the state has become the fourth global hub for H125 assembly after France, the United States and Brazil. It will initially produce 10 helicopters annually, with plans to scale up to 500 light helicopters over the next two decades. It will integrate avionics, hydraulic systems, engines and fuel systems, alongside a dedicated Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul unit.

N Chandrasekaran, Chairman, Tata Sons, termed the development "a landmark step in the nation's journey towards self-reliance in aerospace and defence". Bruno Even, CEO, Airbus Helicopters, said the FAL will also be capable of producing the military variant H125M with a level of local manufacturing that ensures Indian forces remain mission-ready. "It will also be a game-changer for the development of the civil helicopter market," he added.

The collaboration marks TASL and Airbus's second major project after the C295 military transport aircraft FAL, further strengthening India's private aerospace manufacturing ecosystem. The H125 is widely used for emergency medical services, disaster relief, law enforcement and regional connectivity under the UDAN scheme. Its military variant, H125M, is designed for reconnaissance, high-altitude logistics and search-and-rescue missions. Notably, the H125 is the only helicopter to have landed on Mount Everest, according to a statement from the Ministry of Defence.

Airbus H125 light helicopter that will be manufactured at Vemgal, Kolar | EXPRESS

Social media under radar ahead of PU II, SSLC examinations

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FOR the first time ever, the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL), in coordination with district commissioners, Chief Executive Officers and police officials will be monitoring social media during the upcoming first round of exams of PU II and SSLC students.

Madhu Bangarappa, Minister for School Education and Literacy said, "Individuals and their accounts spreading information or conduct transactions for financial gain through social media platforms like WhatsApp or Telegram and leak question papers or fake question papers will not only be blocked, but necessary action will be taken against them under the Bharathiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Education Act."

Karnataka State Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) data shows that a total of 7,10,363 students are registered for PU II exams while 9,02,889 students for SSLC exams for the academic year 2025-26.

Madhu added, "Students must not fall for any fake news or question paper leak and focus on the preparation as well as doing well in exams". To avoid malpractice in the exam centres, there will be webcasting through CCTV cameras which will be monitored at the respective district commissioner, Chief Executive Officer and education department offices.

The minister also stated that SSLC and PUC students, both boys and girls, writing final exams can show their hall tickets to opt for free bus travel in BMTC and KSRTC buses while travelling to their respective exam centres. "There are some remote areas and regions in Karnataka with limited or no bus facility. In such instances, I will ask the transport department to instruct private school buses to facilitate transport for government school and college students during the exams," he added.

PU II students will receive hall tickets for Exam 1 from February 28, and SSLC students in the first week of March, as their exams begin from March 18. The total number of exam centres for PU II exams are 1,217 and for SSLC, it is 2,871 centres.

The tentative date to announce the results for Exam 1 of PU II is April 7, and SSLC is on April 24.

Exam 2 for PU students will be held from April 25 to May 9 and for SSLC students, it will be held from May 18 to May 25.

'Akka Pade' team members demonstrate self-defence skills at its launch in Belagavi on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Laxmi launches 'Akka Pade', says initiative to cover all districts

BELAGAVI: In a significant step towards strengthening women and child safety mechanisms, Women and Child Welfare Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar on Tuesday formally launched the 'Akka Pade' initiative at Kittur Rani Chennamma Circle in Belagavi. Announcing the expansion of the programme, she said 'Akka Pade' will soon be extended to the taluk level across the state. Describing the initiative as a symbol of compassion, courage and empowerment, Hebbalkar said 'Akka Pade' draws inspiration from the tolerance of 12th century saint Akka Mahadevi and the bravery of Rani Chennamma. "The primary objective of Akka Pade is to create a fear-free and legally protected environment for women and children by preventing atrocities and ensuring timely intervention," she said. The minister said that although several districts had earlier formed special women protection squads under names such as Rani Chennamma Pade, Obavva Pade, Chamundi Pade and Durga Pade, those teams lacked permanent staff, vehicles and clearly defined operational structures.

Human interaction alters animal behaviour, population: IISc study

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RESEARCHERS from Centre for Ecological Sciences at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) shows how animals behave and respond with fear in the presence of humans. The study titled- A Meta-Analysis of Wild Animal Behavioural Responses to Human Interactions- recently published in Ecology Letters and made public on Tuesday, analysed the animal behaviour.

The researchers noted that while animals respond with fear to humans who hunt or kill, they are far less consistent in how they react to non-lethal human presence. For the study, researchers analysed three decades of research on how wild animals change their behaviour in response to different types of human interactions. Researchers examined behavioural shifts in foraging, vigilance and movement across species and ecosystems to understand whether humans are always super-scary.

Shawn D'Souza, co-author of the study said, "we found strong evidence that lethal humans such as hunters and fishers were perceived as threatening. Animals in areas exposed to lethal humans tend to be more vigilant and spend less time foraging. In contrast to non-lethal humans such as tourists or researchers are weaker and more variable." "In certain cases, these areas function as perceived refuges. Predators often avoid humans, which can make areas near people feel safer for some prey species," D'Souza added. Another reason is that areas adjacent to roads are often cleared of thick vegetation, making them attractive grazing sites for smaller animals, added co-author and Professor at CES, Maria Thaker.

Researchers noted that time spent being vigilant is the time not spent feeding. Changes in animal movement affect energy expenditure and access to resources. This directly affect survival and reproduction."The study findings broadly support the risk allocation hypothesis, which suggest that animals adjust their behaviour based on how intense and predictable a threat is. When danger is high and consistent, animals stay cautious and when risk is low or predictable, they tend to relax," D'Souza said.

LAW & ORDER

Investors pick K'taka over UP, MP as cops keep state safe: HM

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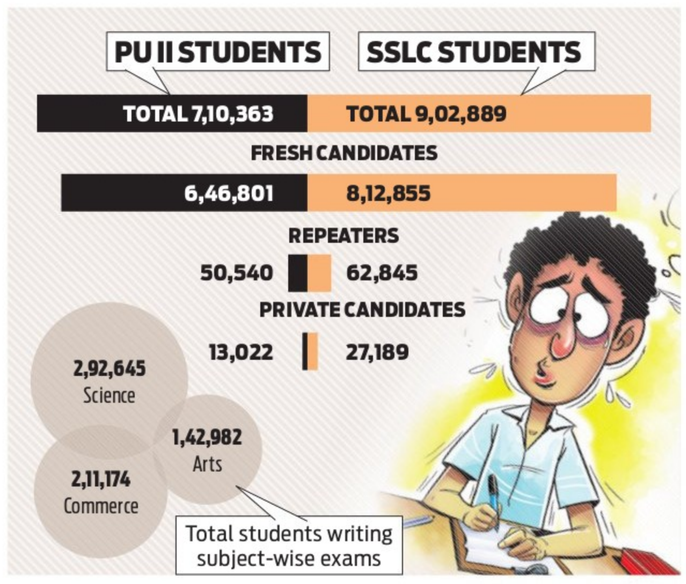
@ Mangaluru

HOME Minister Dr G Parameshwara on Tuesday credited the state police for Karnataka emerging as the third-highest recipient of investments in the country after Gujarat and Maharashtra. A stable law and order situation has strengthened investor confidence, he added.

After inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for new residential quarters in Mangaluru and Moodbidri for police personnel, Parameshwara said maintaining peace in society is essential to attract investments.

"Investments will come only if there is peace in society, and we need to create such a situation. People are coming forward to invest crores in the state. They can go to UP or MP, but they don't, because they find our state suitable. We are third in attracting investments after Gujarat and Maharashtra. The reason for that is the police department," he said.

Emphasising the need to improve welfare measures for police personnel, he said better housing and facilities would enable them to function with dignity and confidence. Referring to the Auradkar Committee report on police reforms, he said several measures have been implemented to ensure that personnel work with self-esteem, though more reforms are needed. He said that nearly 40% of the state's 1.10 lakh police personnel have been provided housing. "Many officers continue to live in cramped quarters built during the British era. Seeing their plight, I convinced the chief minister to build decent houses for them in 2015," he said, adding that the cost per unit has increased from Rs 18 lakh to Rs 33 lakh. The chief minister has agreed to extend the housing project until 2030 to cover all personnel, he added. On the Dharmasthala case, he said the SIT has been asked to submit its report at the earliest, but declined to specify a timeline.



Adigas Yatra opens bookings for Chardham

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@Bengaluru

ADIGAS Yatra, a travel agency recognised by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, as an experienced service provider, announced the opening of bookings for Chardham Yatra 2026. With a legacy of 32 years, Adigas Yatra served over 3 lakh tourists. This yatra will commence from April 19 and will continue till October 25. Adigas offers this yatra in four major categories: standard group tours, fixed departures, helicopter packages and customised tours.

STANDARD GROUP TOURS

It consists of 40 tourists and the cost includes accommodation in standard hotels, vegetarian food, deluxe coaches, experienced tour managers and comprehensive travel insurance. The 15-day tour covers Haridwar, Hanuman Chetty, Yamunotri, Uttara Kashi, Gangotri, RudraPrayag, Gupta Kashi, Kedarnath, Karna Prayag, Badrinath, Vishnu Prayag, Joshimath, Nanda Prayag, Rishikesh and Delhi.

FIXED DEPARTURES

It consists of accommodation in 3-star category hotels, meals in hotels, deluxe vehicles for travelling and travel insurance. The places covered here are Haridwar, Rishikesh, Yamunotri, Guptakashi, Kedarnath, Badrinath, Mana and Rudra Prayag within 12 days. Those who wish to cover only Badri and Kedar can cover it in eight days with all the same facilities.

HELICOPTER PACKAGE

It is for those who can afford and don't have much time for long journeys and waiting time. This luxury package is for seven days, which covers all four shrines of Chardham, and there are 3/5 days of Badri and Kedarnath yatra also available. The package cost includes the travel by helicopter to the shrines, luxury vehicles for land transfers, luxury accommodation for stay, vegetarian food, VIP darshan at shrines and travel insurance.

CUSTOMISED PACKAGES

It offers customised packages for those who opt for their own dates. Accommodation and transportation depend on the budget. The 12-day Chardham yatra will cover Yamunotri, Uttara Kashi, Gangotri, Guptakashi, Kedarnath, Badrinath, RudraPrayag and Rishikesh.

For further details connect here
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A 27-year-old man died after falling into an open roadside pit near Thodupuzha in Idukki.The deceased was Jeys Benny, a native of Muthalakkodam. The accident occurred on Monday when his two-wheeler plunged into the large pit dug on the side of the road as part of the construction work

Police use MCCTNS app to trace cab

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THE police analysed the CCTV footage and used the Mobile Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (MCCTNS) app to trace the cab. The police got details of the driver, Kiran, contacted him and told him about the child in the car. When the driver checked, Jian was still fast asleep in the back seat. The police told him to return to the apartment where he had dropped off the family. Kiran reached within an hour and reunited the child with his parents. Though Kiran had completed two other trips in between, the child had continued to sleep throughout.

EXPRESS READ

Suspected food allergy kills two in Kerala

T'Puram: In a suspected instance of food allergy, two persons belonging to a family died early on Tuesday morning after consuming seafood from a hotel in Vizhinjam. Nilamel residents Shaji, 42, and his mother-in-law Rashida Beevi, 68, fell ill after eating seafood dishes, including prawns, squid and fish eggs. While the family alleges that symptoms began after consuming food from the hotel, police said it is too early to conclude whether the deaths were caused by food poisoning or individual allergic reactions. Health Minister Veena George has sought a report on the incident from the department officials. **ENS**

People watch the Tamil Nadu budget live at a TV showroom in Coimbatore | EXPRESS

₹4.67L cr budget for TN ahead of election

T MURUGANANDHAM @ Chennai

TAMIL Nadu Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu on Tuesday presented a Rs 4.67 lakh crore interim budget for poll-bound TN, with a total revenue deficit projection of Rs 48,696.32 crore and total debt burden of Rs 10.62 lakh crore expected by March 31, 2027.

Presenting the interim budget for 2026-27 that saw a maximum of Rs 57,039 crore earmarked for education and Rs 35,773 crore for urban development sectors, and Rs 22,090 crore for the health department, Thennarasu launched a broadside against the BJP-led union government for its "unprecedented fiscal injustice" and attempt to create "financial crisis in TN". He also explained the significant progress made across sectors by the DMK government led by Chief Minister M K Stalin amid such political challenges and global headwinds.

As per the interim budget, the state's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is projected to rise to Rs 40.67 lakh crore in 2026-27. While the fiscal deficit will be Rs 1,21,949 crore, revenue receipts are projected to be at Rs 3,44,575 crore, and revenue expenditure will be Rs 3,93,272 crore. The minister, who allocated a large chunk of his 142-minute speech to recall the achievements of the DMK government over the past five years, however, did not make any new announcements in the interim budget in keeping with the conventions of the House. The new government, which would assume office after the Assembly elections, will present a full-fledged budget.

Condemning the centre's apathetic attitude, the minister said that in a federal system, states have faced unfair treatment in the past, but the present challenges are unprecedented. The Union government has denied key infrastructure approvals, withheld funds under centrally-sponsored schemes, reduced tax revenues without consultation, and imposed expenditure conditions, thereby creating severe fiscal stress for Tamil Nadu, he said.

HC quashes Nava Kerala outreach survey

EXPRESS NEWS SERVIC
@ Kochi

IN a setback to the LDF government in the run-up to the assembly elections, the Kerala High Court on Tuesday quashed the state government's 'Nava Kerala Citizen Response Programme', a ₹20-crore initiative that proposed a door-to-door outreach to collect public feedback on development and welfare schemes.

Terming the programme a "colourable exercise of executive power", the court held that public funds cannot be allocated or spent without proper sanction under the Rules of Business. It also raised serious concerns over the involvement of ruling party cadre and the manner in which the programme was conceived and implemented.

The programme had drawn criticism from opposition parties and petitioners, who alleged that the survey was a political outreach exercise disguised as a government initiative and was aimed at strengthening the ruling front's influence ahead of the elections using public funds. A key issue flagged by the High Court was a letter issued by CPM state secretary MV Govindan, which called upon party affiliates to participate in the programme and register on the government's social volunteer force portal. The court noted that the letter was issued well before the Cabinet approved the programme on October 8, 2025, and before the government formally issued its order authorising the initiative. The court observed that the government and Govindan failed to provide a convincing explanation for this sequence of events.

Public funds cannot be allocated or spent without proper sanction under the Rules of Business. The programme is a colourable exercise of executive power —Kerala High Court

The "evasive and non-responsive" counter-affidavit filed by the CPM state secretary, without clarifying how party cadre were informed in advance, lent credence to the petitioners' allegation that there was a concerted effort to enable party workers to participate in the programme using a government platform, the court observed.

Kerala defended the initiative, stating that it was not a survey or census, but a welfare and development study aimed at gathering public suggestions to improve governance.

It argued that involving volunteers, including party sympathisers, was neither illegal nor unusual.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that My Client, **Mr. J. Chinnappa,** Aged 66 years, S/o. **Mr. R. Jokin,** Residing at: No.1223, MCECHS Layout, Phase I, 10th Cross, Near BBMP Park, Dr. Shivaramkaranth Nagar Post, Hedge Nagar, Bangalore-560077. **(Aadhar. No. 3060 4374 4902)** do hereby inform to the general public that he has lost the original SALE DEEDS, which is registered as **(i) vide Document No. 5886, Book No.I, Volume No.1751, Pages 160 to 162, dated 01.12.1958** registered at the office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk **(ii) vide Document No. 161/1979-80, Book No.I, Volume No.2718, Pages 163 to 167, dated 18.05.1979** registered at the office of the Sub Registrar, Gandhi Nagara, Bangalore. In respect of the Residential Site bearing No.21 , Municipal No.12/38, now comes under the jurisdiction of the Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.25, Old PID No. 25-68-12/38 Present PID No.121-W0006-3 New E - PID No. 1335753614, situated at Minerva Mill Back side, Kemphapura Agrahara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. **Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet totally measuring 1200 Sq.Feet.** In this regard on 23/01/2026, he had lodged a Police Complaint No.2024871/2026 and 2024875/2026 dated 23.01.2026. If any person/s finds the same please hand over the same within 07 days of this notice, to the above Advocate Office address or contact number.

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Date: 18.02.2026 Place: Bangalore

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

e-Tender Notice No.: SER-OHE-BNDM-JSG-2x25 KV, Date: 16.02.2026. For and on behalf of the President of India, Chief Electrical Engineer (Project), South Eastern Railway, 11, Convent Lane, Beliaghata, Kolkata-700015 invites e-tender for the following work: **Name of work and its location:** Design, supply, erection, testing and commissioning for upgradation of Electric traction system from 1 x 25 KV to 2 x 25 KV traction system for Bondamunda (Excl.)–Jharsuguda (Incl.) section of Chakradharpur Division of South Eastern Railway to meet 3000 MT loading target. **Completion period of the work:** 24 months. **Approximate cost of the work:** ₹ 155,91,23,784.46. **Bid Security:** ₹ 79,45,600. **Validity of offer:** 120 days from the date of opening of tender. **Last date of receiving queries:** 04.03.2026. **Pre-bid meeting:** 06.03.2026 at 11.30 hrs. **Physical submission of all documents:** 06.04.2026. **Closing date of tender:** 07.04.2026 (14.00 hrs. IST). Website particular where complete details of tender can be seen: **www.ireps.gov.in**. **Cost of Tender Documents:** Nil. **(PR-1197)**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
OFFICE OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER (HANDICRAFTS)

HANDICRAFTS AWARD 2025

The office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) confers Handicrafts Awards, the highest in the Handicrafts Sector to outstanding craftsperson in recognition of their contribution towards the growth & development of its craft. Online/Offline Applications are invited from eligible craftsperson for Handicrafts Awards 2025 as per following categories.

Shilp Guru Award:		
Category	Craft Category	No. of Award
Shilp Guru Award	Craft Category	05
	Exclusively for Women	01
	Total	06

National Award:

S. No	Categories	Sub-Categories	No. of Awards under each Category/ Sub-category
1	Craft Category	Metal ware (e.g. metal, bidri work etc.	01
		Wood work	01
		Cane & Bamboo and other forest-based product	01
		Stone ware	01
		Pottery, ceramics and terracotta	01
		Paintings	01
		Jewellery and semi-precious gem stone	01
		Paper Machie crafts and paper crafts	01
		Artistic textiles (e.g. hand block printing, tie and dye applique work, quilting and patch work), Embroideries and zari/zardozi work	01
		Handmade, carpet/floor coverings Rugs and durries	01
		Toys and dolls, puppet, games and kites	01
		Miscellaneous crafts (leather craft, lace work, crocheted goods & braiding, glass work, bone conch and shell, musical instruments etc.)	01
		Exclusively for Women artisan	01
		Young Artisan below 30 years	01
		Divyang artisan	01
		Endangered craft	01
		Tribal artisan	01
2	Design Innovation		01
3	Start-up Ventures/ Producer Company		01
	Total		19

2. For filling the online application, please log in to https://indian.handicrafts.gov.in and for more information regarding eligibility criteria, age, experience, application form, etc., details guideline of award can be downloaded from the website of the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) (www.handicrafts.nic.in) followed by clicking on the advertisement. For any information/assistance, the applicant may contact the nearest Handicrafts Service Centre (HSC).
3. The duly filled Online application form alongwith the requisite documents and Award entry shall be submitted to the nearest Handicrafts Service Centre latest by **31.03.2026.**

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Can Fin Homes Ltd
Sri.Annapoorneshwari Complex, Above Canara Bank,B.G.S. Road, Bangalore – 562109, Ph: 080-2728250
Mob: 7625079189
e-mail Id: bidadi@canfinhomes.com
CIN No. L85110KA1987PLC008699
Bidadi Branch

APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 9(1)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable property

E- Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Bidadi Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **10.03.2026** for recovery of **Rs. 57,60,650/-** (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Sixty Thousand,Six hundred and Fifty Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr.Yadhunandana S** S/o Mr. Billaiahnaik Sanna Swamy Naik and **Mrs.Jayalakshmi M** W/o Mr.Yadhunandana S (Borrower/s) as on 17.02.2026 , together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs. 45,00,000/-** (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.4,50,000/-** (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel bearing Property Flat No.FF1 , First Floor, Sai Kuteera Site No.06,Katha No.328/6,BBMP Ward No.184, BBMP Katha No.144/328/6 ,Old BBMP Katha No.328/6 ,Old Sy No.8/4,New And Convertred Sy No.39, Vaddarapalya Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka -560061.

Measuring East to West-on the Northern side 57-6.5 feet and on the Southern Side 57-1.5 ft, North to South-on the Eastern side 41 Feet and on the Western side 40 ft.240 Sq Ft undevided share. and built up area 1180 Sq Feet.

Bounded on as per document : East:Private Property, West:30 Feet Road, North:Site No.07, South: Site No.05

Bounded on as actual Flat: East:Lift pit And Staircase, West:Open to Sky, North:Entrance, South: Open to Sky

Known Encumbrance : NIL

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd.,(https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx).

Link for participating in e-auction : www.bankeauctionwizard.com

Date: 17.02.2026 Sd/- **Authorised Officer**
Place : Bidadi Can Fin Homes Ltd.

ANANDA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
Eastd : 1979
Reg. No. JRB/Rgn./7/4884/79-80 Dated : 23-8-79
Administrative Office : No. 116, (1st Floor), 2nd Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru - 560020. Phone : 23447829,
E-Mail : anandacb_1979@yahoo.com

POSSESSION NOTICE See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas,The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Ananda Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **11.11.2025** calling upon the borrower **Late Yellappa Since deceased represented by his legal heirs (1) Mrs. Renuka** D/o Late Yellappa Creative Fortuna Apartment, No-103, 1st Floor, Kanakanagar Main Road, RT Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032. **(2) Mrs. Huchamma** D/o Late Yellappa No.13/7, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, G M Temple Road, Matadahalli, A K Colony, RT Nagar, Bangalore-560032. **(3) Mrs. Vijayalakshmi** D/o Late Yellappa No.13/7, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, G M Temple Road, Matadahalli, A K Colony, RT Nagar, Bangalore-560032. **(4) Mrs. Lakshmi** D/o Late Yellappa No.13/7, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, G M Temple Road, Matadahalli, A K Colony, RT Nagar, Bangalore-560032. **(5) Mr. Lakshmaiah** S/o Late Yellappa No.13/7, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, G M Temple Road, Matadahalli, A K Colony, RT Nagar, Bangalore-560032. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 3,60,234/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Four Only) as on 31.10.2025** together with future interest thereon at contractual interest rate within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **16th the day of February of the year 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Ananda Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Basaveshwaranagar Branch,** for an amount of **Rs. 3,60,234/-(Rupees Three Lakhs Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Four Only) as on 31.10.2025** together with future interest thereon at contractual interest rate and costs charges till the date of realization and costs charges till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and Parcel of property bearing No.13/7, 1st Main, IInd Cross, Muneshwara Temple Road, Matadahalli, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032, measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 33 feet and bounded by the following boundaries: East : 8' Road, West : Conservancy, North : Site No.12, South : Site No.14.

Date : 16.02.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Ananda Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,**

punjab national bank

Asset Recovery Management Branch (ARMB): No.26-27, Raheja Towers, East Wing, 1st Floor, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001. Tel No. 080-25095087. e-mail : cs8191@pnb.bank.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act(SARFAESI), 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

The auction will be held on 06.03.2026 from 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM

Sl. No.	Branch Name, Customer ID A/c Name, A/c No., Dealing official Contact No.	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged/ Owner's Name(mortgagers of property(ies))	(A) Date of 13 (2) (B) Date of 13(4) (C) Type of Possession (D) Outstanding amount	A)Reserve Price B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount
1	BO: Bangalore City (004100) **Cust Id - ABO012378** **Mr. Pradeep Kumar J** **A/C No. 004100NE00024679** **Mob No. : 9434080715**	All that part and parcel of property bearing Khatha No. 433/6 and 434/7, (in converted Sy No 41), Property No 21, Premises of M/s Royal Concorde International School Situated at Chellekere village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk now comes under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagra Palike, Ward No. 25, Limits measuring East to west 130 ft and North to South 155 ft, in all measuring 20,150 sq. ft. and bounded On the **East by:** Damodar Reddy's property ,**West by:** Venkatappa's property , **North by:** Rajakaluve (SWD) & **South by:** BDA Road.	**A) 08.09.2021 B) 18.11.2021 C) Symbolic D) Rs. 3,88,44,633.17 as on 31.12.2025 plus further interest and charges from 01.01.2026.**	A) Rs. 22,00,00,000/- B) Rs. 2,20,00,000/- C) Rs. 1,00,000/-

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and tothe following further conditions:

1. The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and **"WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"**
2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
3. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website **https://baanknet.com on 06.03.2026 @ 11.00 AM to 5 PM**
4. Platform **(https://baanknet.com)** for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider **M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd.** having its Registered office at **Unit 1, 3rd Floor, VIOS Commercial Tower, Near Wadala Truck Terminal, Wadala East. Mumbai-400037** (Helpdesk Number +91 8291220220, Email Id: support.baanknet@psballiance.com). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider's website https://baanknet.com This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-Auction on the portal.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI RULES, 2002

Place : Bangalore **Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER & CHIEF MANAGER**
Date : 18.02.2026 **PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK (SECURED CREDITOR)**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT(ARM) II BRANCH,
2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001
Email: cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assests and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisio to Rule 8 (6) of Security Intrest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the secured creditors the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore,** of the Canara will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **11.03.2026 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowes. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Neme of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Assets	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Date	Incremetal Value at Bid
(1) M/s Sri Lakshmi Devamma Trust, Near Lakshmi devamma Temple, No. 35, Gungral Chatra Village, Yelwala Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Mysore, Karnataka-571130. **The Secretary : Mrs. Kavitha** W/o. Raghava BS, No. 219, KBL Enclave, Near SVEI School, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 2nd phase, Mysuru, Karnataka-570017. **The Trustee : Mr. Pradeep BM,** S/o. Manje Gowda BP, No. 993/1, Behind P& T Quarters, Shankarapura, Hassan-573201. **The President : Mr. Raghava B S,** S/o. Bharathisutha M, # 559, Gumbaz Road Ganjam, Srirangapatna, Mandya, Karnataka-571438. **The Vice President : Mr. Bharathisudha M,** S/o. Mariyamma M, No 559, 2nd Gumbaz Road, Ganjam, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya-570017. **The Trustee : Mrs. Sowmya ND,** D/o. Doreswamy NB, Nidudi Village, Doddapura, Hassan-573118.	**Rs. 2,23,87,125.06** (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Three lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand One hundred Twenty five and Six Paisa only) as on 15.02.2026 plus further interest thereon and other expenses with direct and indirect liabilities due to Canara Bank from M/s Sri Lakshmi Devamma Trust.	Property at No.195 Property unique No. 15220040115902011 5 situated at Yelchahally Village, Yelwal Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru land along with buildings there on measuring 3787 sq.mts. Owner of the property Sri Raghava B S. **bounded on : North :** KHB, **South :** Remaining Land, **East :** Property of Sy No 96/3 And **West :** KHB Road.	**11.03.2026 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.**	**Reserve Price : Rs. 1,92,00,000/-** **EMD : Rs.19,20,000/-** **EMD Date :** on or before **10.03.2026**	Multiples of Rs. 1,00,000/- Encumbrance (s) : Not Known

Other terms and Conditions :

a. Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
b. The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer.
c. The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
d. EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan.
e. After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or **before 10.03.2026,** to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand. i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. iii) Bid Form.
The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, **M/s. PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com,**
EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest.
f. Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of **Rs. 1,00,000/-.** The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
g. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, **A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298.**
h. For sale proceeds of **Rs. 50.00 Lacs** (Rupees Fifty Lacs only) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable rate on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank.
i. All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges tax arrears, other charges, dues etc., As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
j. Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
k. In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank ARM II, who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements.
l. Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank.
m. After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act.
For further details contact : Chief Manager, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2 (9113092975, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9483544116, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s. PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com

Special Instruction/Caution

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/ alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 16.02.2026 **Sd/-Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

Government of Karnataka

Minor Irrigation and Ground water Development Division, Chitradurga

NO.EE/MI&GWD DIV/CTA/PB1,2,3,4/SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION: 20/2025-26 DATE: 16-02-2026.

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

K.W.-1,2, 3 & 4 (TWO COVER SYSTEM)

Item rate tender in Two cover system as per KTPP act-2000 with latest amendments is invited from the eligible contractors registered in KPWD (KW2, 3 & KW4) (Minimum amount put to Tender-Rs-3.50 Lakhs and Maximum amount put to Tender Rs-300.64 Lakhs) for the 12 works through KPPP-procurement portal.

Tender documents may be downloaded from KPPP-Portal website :https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 16-02-2026 Last Date & Time for enquiries about tende10-03-2026 upto 5.30 P.M., Last Date for submission of Tenders 11-03-2026 upto 4.00 P.M. Opening of Technical bid Date: 12-03-2026 after 4.30 P.M (If possible). Opening of Finanical bid Date 13-03-2026 after 4.30 P.M (If possible). Tenders may be submitted along with EMD and tender fee (Mode of payment should be online only as prescribed in website). Amount mentioned in KPPP portal is final for the amount put to tender & the E.M.D. Additional Information regarding works may be obtained from the Division Office during office hours & from KPPP-Portal help desk No+91-8046010000+91-8068948777 & support@eprochelpdesk.com

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/679/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer, MI, Chitradurga

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
Govt of Karnataka

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ-587103

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BAGALKOTE- 587103

Ph: 08354-235091 E-mail: dudc_bgk@yahoo.co.in, ltstaff dudc_bagalkote@yahoo.co.in

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಜಿನಕೋಬಾ: ನಗರೋತ್ಥಾನ ಹಂತ-4:2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.02.2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

E-Proceurement portal ಮುಖಾಂತರ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999, ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳು 2000 ರಂತೆ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಅಮೃತ ನಗರೋತ್ಥಾನ ಹಂತ-4 ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ e-protal:https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವದು, ಯಾವುದೇ ದಿನ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ :

1) DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT54894
2) DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT54889
3) DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT54954
4) DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT55043
5) DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT54950
6) DMA/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT54952
7) DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT55334
8) DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT55036

ಸೂಚನೆಗಳು :

1) Pre-bid Meeting **Date : 27.02.2026 at 1.30pm.**
2) Last Date & Time for receip t of tenders **05.03.2026 at 04.00pm.**
3) Opening of Technical bid is on **Dtd : 07.03.2026 at 11.00am.**
4) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid **Dtd : 10.03.2026 at 11.00am.**

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಕೋಶ,
ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ.

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ/587/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ/2025-26

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Chief veterinary officer (Animal Husbandry) office, Pobbathi Maternity Hospital, 1st floor, Sajjan Rao Circle, V.V puram, Bengaluru-04. Email: adahsouth@yahoo.com

No. CVO(AH)BSCC/PR/218/2025-26 **Date: 17-02-2026**

INVITATION FOR EOI

TWO COVER SYSTEM (Short Term Tender)
(Through GoK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

Chief veterinary officer (Animal Husbandry) HOD, BSCC invites tenders on behalf of the commissioner, BSCC, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the services detailed in the table below.

S.N.	Name of the work
1	IMPLEMENTING ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL (ABC) (500 ABCs/Month), ANTI RABIES VACCINATION (ARV & COMBINED) and DEWORMING FOR STRAY DOGS IN BSCC, BOMMANAHALLI ZONE (ZONE-2). **Approx. Amount put to tender :** Rs.120.00 Lakhs. **EMD :** Rs. 1,80,000/-. TENDER REFERENCE NO: BSCC/25-26/SE0040.

Calendar of events: 1) Pre bid meeting will be held on 20-02-2026 12:00 PM at the Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer (Animal Husbandry), Pobbathi Maternety Hospital 1st Floor, Sajjanrao Circle, VV Puram, Bangalore-560004. 2) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders is: 02-03-2026 up to 4.00 P.M. 3) Technical Bid opening date: 03.03.2026 at 5.00 PM. 4) Financial Bid opening date: 05-03-2026 at 5.00 PM.

Sd/- Chief veterinary officer (Animal Husbandry) HOD.

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Chief veterinary officer (Animal Husbandry) office, Pobbathi Maternity Hospital, 1st floor, Sajjan Rao Circle, V.V puram, Bengaluru-04. Email: adahsouth@yahoo.com

No. CVO(AH)BSCC/PR/218/2025-26 **Date: 17-02-2026**

INVITATION FOR EOI

TWO COVER SYSTEM (Short Term Tender)
(Through GoK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

Chief veterinary officer (Animal Husbandry) HOD, BSCC invites tenders on behalf of the commissioner, BSCC, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the services detailed in the table below.

S.N.	Name of the work
1	IMPLEMENTING ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL (ABC) (500 ABCs/Month), ANTI RABIES VACCINATION (ARV & COMBINED) and DEWORMING FOR STRAY DOGS IN BSCC, JAYANAGARA ZONE (ZONE-1) **Approx. Amount put to tender :** Rs.120.00 Lakhs. **EMD :** Rs. 1,80,000/-. **2) TENDER REFERENCE NO:** BSCC/25-26/SE0041.

Calendar of events: 1) Pre bid meeting will be held on 20-02-2026 12:00 PM at the Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer (Animal Husbandry), Pobbathi Maternety Hospital 1st Floor, Sajjanrao Circle, VV Puram, Bangalore-560004. 2) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders is: 02-03-2026 up to 4.00 P.M. 3) Technical Bid opening date: 03.03.2026 at 5.00 PM. 4) Financial Bid opening date: 05-03-2026 at 5.00 PM.

Sd/- Chief veterinary officer (Animal Husbandry) HOD.

Canara Bank

A Government of India Undertaking

ARM - II Branch, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru - 60001
Email : cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the **ARM Branch II, Bangalore of Canara Bank**, the **Possession** of which has been taken by the **Authorised Officer of ARM Branch II, Bangalore** will be sold **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Name of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities	Description of Immovable Properties (Name of Owner / Mortgagor to be mentioned)	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price & Earnest Money Deposit [EMD] Date & Time	Incremental Value at Bid
1. K S Gowda Educational Trust (Regd.) Rep. by its Chairman, Mr. K Sheenappa Gowda, Ninthikal Post, Enmur, Sullia, Taluk - 574328, D.K. District **2. Sri.K Sheenappa Gowda S/o. Thimappa Gowda, Chairman, K S Gowda Educational Trust,** Post Kuthkunja Via Panja, Sullia Taluk - 574232. **3. Sri.K S Ashok Kumar S/o. Sri.Sheenappa Gowda, President, K S Gowda Educational Trust,** Ninthikal, Sullia Taluk - 574232. **4. Sri.D Mahesh Kumar S/o. Sri Sheenappa Gowda Member, K.S.Gowda Educational Trust,** No. 9039, Varsha, NHBCS Layout, 15th Main, 17th D Cross, J.P.Nagar, 5th Phase, Bengaluru - 560078. **5. Sri. Viveka K S S/o. Sheenappa Gowda, Member, K.S.Gowda Educational Trust,** Karunya, CTO Road, Post Darbe, Puttur - 574201. **6. Smt. Prameela Ashok Kumar W/o. K S Ashok Kumar, General Secretary, K.S. Gowda Educational Trust,** Ninthikal, Sullia Taluk - 574232, **7. Sri. D.V. Sadananda Gowda S/o. Sri. Venkappa Gowda** BJP Office, VV Puram, Bengaluru - 560004. **8. Smt. Rathnavathi C.P Wife / Legal Heir of Late Padmanabha Gowda C,** Chipa House, Amaramudnoor Village, Kukkujadka Post, Sullia Taluk - 574232. **9. Sri. Praveen C P Son / Legal Heir of Late Padmanabha Gowda C,** Chipa House, Amaramudnoor Village, Kukkujadka Post, Sullia Taluk - 574232. **10. Sri. K S Aravind S/o. Sri. Sheenappa Gowda, Member, K S Gowda Educational Trust,** Bobbekeri Post, Puttur Taluk - 574201. **11. Sri. Kumar Swamy S/o. Sri.Sheenappa Gowda, Member, K S Gowda Educational Trust,** Post Kuthkunja, Via Panja, Sullia Taluk - 574232.	**Rs. 31,95,59,564.81/- (Rupees Thirty One Crore Ninety Five Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Four and Eighty One Paisa only) of M/s K S Gowda Educational Trust including costs and interest as on 15.02.2026 together with future interest, expenses and costs etc till realization.**	**Item No. 1 :-** Land Measuring 1.54 acres, in Sy.No. 211/1b and Land Measuring 0.46 Acres in Sy.No. 212/1b, including building thereon at Kalmadka Village, Sullia Taluk with **Boundaries :- East :** SD Line, **West :** Remaining Land in same SD Line, **South :** SD Line and **North :** SD Line **Item No. 2 :-** Land Measuring 0.91 Acres in Sy no 34/1b at Enmoor Village, Sullia Taluk held in the **Name of Sri. A Ashok Kumar** with **Boundaries :- East :** Remaining land land in same SD Line, **West :** SD Line, **South :** SD Line and **North :** Remaining land in same SD Line. **Item No. 3 :-** Land measuring 2.24 acres in Sy No.149/1a1a3 at Aivothakkalu Village, Sullia Taluk held in the **Name of Smt. Prameela Ashok Kumar** with, **Boundaries :- East :** SD Line, **West :** SD Line , **South :** SD line and **North :** SD Line.	11-03-2026 -------- 01:00 PM to 03.00 PM	Item No. 1 : Reserve Price Rs. 360.00 Lakhs EMD Rs. 36,00,000/- Lakhs Item No. 2 : Reserve Price Rs. 35.10 Lakhs EMD Rs. 3,51,000/- Lakhs Item No. 3 : Reserve Price Rs. 35.10 Lakhs EMD Rs. 3,51,000/- Lakhs on or before 10.03.2026	Multiplies of Rs. 1,00,000/-. Encumbrance (s) : Not Known to the Bank

Other terms and conditions :-

a. Auction / bidding shall be only through **"Online Electronic Bidding"** through the website **https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
b. The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer .
c. The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
d. EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan.
e. After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **10-03-2026, to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email.**
   i. Demand Draft / Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS / NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.
   ii. Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.
   iii. Bid Form.
   The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, **M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com** EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD / Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest.
f. Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in **Multiplies of Rs.1,00,000/-.** The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
g. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of **Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298.**
h. For sale proceeds of **Rs. 50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty Lakhs)** and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS Certificate to the bank.
i. All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges etc. As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
j. Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
k. In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach **Canara Bank Circle office, Bengaluru or Canara Bank ARM II Branch, Bengaluru,** who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements.
l. Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank.
m. After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act.

For further details contact **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank , ARM Branch-2- (9113092975, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9483544116, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com** OR the service provider **M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail : support.baanknet@psballiance.com**

Special Instruction / Caution :

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 16.02.2026
Place : Bangalore

Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

कार्यालय नगरपालिका मण्डावर, जिला-दौसा (राज0)

EMAIL:- nagarpalikamandawar2022@gmail.com

क्रमांक:-न.पा.म. / स्टोर / 2025-26 / 1652 दिनांक:-12.02.2026

-:: ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना ::-

नगरपालिका मण्डावर जिला दौसा(राज0) द्वारा विकास कार्य की ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की गई है जिसकी निविदा **UBN Num. is: DLB2526GLOB34062, DLB2526SLRC34082** है। उक्त निविदा सूचना एवं शर्तें राजस्थान लोक उपागम पोर्टल की वेबसाईट www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in एवं http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in/sppp.raj.nic.in पर देखी जा सकती है।

राज.संवाद / सी / 25 / 19922

अधिशाषी अधिकारी
नगर पालिका मण्डावर(दौसा)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my clients entered into three registered agreement to sell all dt:28-05-2024 to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its lawful owners viz., **1)SRI.K.V.VENUGOPAL,** S/o.Late.A.P.Venkatanarasimhaiah, **1a)SMT.P.SHASHIKALA,** W/o.Sri. K.V.Venugopal, **1b)SRI.V.ANAND,** S/o.Sri.K.V.Venugopal, Sl.Nos.1 to 1b are residing at No.16, 3rd Main Road, Pipe Line East, Kasthurba Nagar, Mysuru Road, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560026. **1c)SMT.ASHA.V,** D/o.Sri.K.V.Venugopal, Residing at No.12/1, 1st Main Road, Pipe Line East, Kasthurba Nagar, Mysuru Road, Bengaluru-560026, **1d)SRI.V.ARVIND,** S/o.Sri.K.V.Venugopal Residing at No.16, 3rd Main Road, Pipe Line East, Kasthurba Nagar, Mysuru Road, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560026, **2)SRI.THUNGESH KUMAR,** S/o.Late.K.V.Keshavamurthy Residing at No.302, BDA Layout, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru North-560072, **3)SMT.MALATHI DEVI,** W/o.Late.K.Dinesh Kumar, **3a)SRI.PRITHVIRAJ DINESH,** S/o.Late.K.Dinesh Kumar, Sl.No.3 and 3a are residing at No.46, 5th Main Road, Ashwath Katte Road, Kasthurba Nagar, Bengaluru-560026, **4)SMT.KAVYA LOKESH,** D/o.Late.K.V.Keshavamurthy Residing at No.9/1, 2nd Cross, Mariyappa Block, Dinnur Main Road, R.T.Nagar, Bengaluru-560032, **5)SRI.PRAKASH BABU.K,** S/o.Late. K.V.Keshavamurthy, **6)SRI.K.GIRISH BABU,** S/o Late K.V.Keshavamurthy, **7)SRI.K.GANESH,** S/o.Late.K.V.Keshavamurthy, S.L.Nos.5 to 7 are residing at No.33, Shanti Nilaya, Ashwath Katta Main Road, Near Ashwath Katta Kasthurba Nagar, Bengaluru-560026, **8)SMT.ANITHA.K,** aged D/o.Late.K.V.Keshavamurthy Residing at Choukahalli, Byramangala, Ramanagar-562109 and **9)SMT.K.SAVITHA,** D/o.Late.K.V.Keshavamurthy, Residing at No.278/4, Ankanna Reddy Road, Near Banaswadi Bus Stand, Banaswadi, Kalyananagar, Bengaluru-560043. The Owners at S.l.No.1 to 1d represent that they are the absolute owners of Item No.1 and 2 of the schedule property and the Owners at S.l.No.2 to 9 represent that they are the absolute owners of Item No.3 of the schedule property and they have good marketable right, title and interest therein and there are no other person/s have any right or claim over the Schedule Property or any portions of it.

Any person or persons, Banks, Financial institutions etc., having any valid right, title interest or any claim over the Schedule Property or any portions of it in any manner may with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claim/s within **7days** from the date of this public notice with the undersigned, if no valid objections are received within the stipulated date, my client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM No.1: All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.No.8/3 (Old Sy.No.8/1), measuring 2acres 18guntas, situated at Doddabele Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District, and bounded thereon:
East By : Land bearing Sy.No.8/4 belongs to Sri.K.V.Venugopal
West By : Land bearing Sy.No.8/1
North By : Road
South By : Land bearing Sy.No.7 Kalpudi factory

ITEM No:2: All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.No.8/4 (Old Sy.No.8/1), measuring 1acre 35guntas, situated at Doddabele Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District, and bounded thereon:
East By : Land bearing Sy.No.8/5 belongs to Sri.Thungesh Kumar
West By : Land bearing Sy.No.8/3 belongs to Sri.K.V.Venugopal
North By : Road
South By : Land bearing Sy.No.7 Kalpudi factory

ITEM No:3: All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.No.8/5 (Old Sy.No.8/1), measuring 2acres 18guntas, situated at Doddabele Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District, and bounded thereon:
East By : Land bearing Sy.No.8/1 belongs to Sri.Hanumaiah
West By : Land bearing Sy.No.8/4 belongs to Sri.K.V.Venugopal
North By : Road
South By : Land bearing Sy.No.7 Kalpudi factory

SD/- K.VENKATA SUDHEER ADVOCATE
NO.548/51/1, 1ST FLOOR GARUTHMAN PARK, ANDAL TEMPLE STREET (BEHIND R.V.TEACHER'S COLLEGE) R.V.ROAD, BASAVANAGUDI BANGALORE – 560 004 MOBILE: 9845682098

BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Whitefield Division, Hagadur Main Road, Near Govt Polytechnic, Bengaluru 560 066

No: BECC/EE/WF/TN/03/2025-26 Date: 16.02.2026

INVITATION FOR TENDERS NOTIFICATION

(Two Cover System)

(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Bengaluru East City Corporation (BECC) Executive Engineer Whitefield Division Zone-1, Benagaluru-560066 invites Request for Proposal from interested persons/firms those who have done similar type of work for Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality control (PMC) for the below.

Sl. No.	Description
1.	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for work of "Comprehensive Development of Roads and other allied works in Ward No.103 Whitefield and Ward No.104 Varthur in Mahadevapura Constiuency Under GOK Grants. **Amount put to tender : Rs. 4.00 Lakhs, EMD : Rs.10,000.00**
2.	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for work of "Comprehensive Development of Roads and Resufacing of existing roads in Gunjur Kodathi Road, 30.00 CDP Road from Gear School Road, Madhuranagar ward from Varthur and New temple road in Nallurahali of Whitefield Division" in Mahadevapura constituency under GOK Grants. **Amount put to tender : Rs. 14.16 Lakhs, EMD : Rs.35,500.00**

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender Document may be downloaded through E-portal form : **20.02.2026 (2)** Pre-bid Meeting : **25.02.2026 at 11.30 AM** Executive Engineer, Whitefield Division Zone-1, Hagadur Main Road, Near Govt Polyrechnic, Bengaluru-560066. **(3)** Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders : **27.02.2026 up to 4:00 PM (4)** Opening of Technical bid : **04.03.2026 at 4:30 PM**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Whitefield Division, Zone-1, BECC

BENGALURU WEST CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division, Chennammanakere Achukattu, Vidyapeeta Main Road, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085

No.: EE(BG)/KPPP/TEND/10/2025-26 **Date: 17.02.2026**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)
(Two Cover System)

Tenders on lumpsum basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bengaluru West City Corporation or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of Work
1	Providing PMC Services for the work of Comprehensive developments of Roads and Drains and other allied works in Ward No. 196(155), 197(156), 198(154) Under Chief Minister Infrastructure Grants (CMIDP) (Comprising of 5 works in G.O. BWCC Sl no 66,67,68,69 & 76) Package No-01-BG-2025-26. **Estimated Cost Rs. in Crores: 10.33, EMD in Rs.: 36,500/-**
2	Providing PMC Services for the work of Comprehensive developments of Roads and Drains and other allied works in Ward No. 199(164), 200(162), 201(163) Under Chief Minister Infrastructure Grants (CMIDP) (Comprising of 8 works in G.O. BWCC Sl no 70,71,72,73,74,75,77&78) Package No-02-BG-2025-26. **Estimated Cost Rs. in Crores: 14.67, EMD in Rs.: 51,500/-**
3	Providing PMC Services for the work of Comprehensive developments of Drain, Footpath and Roads in arterial and Sub arterial roads and other roads in Basavanagudi Constituency Under Chief Minister Infrastructure Grants (CMIDP) Package No-03-BG-2025-26. **Estimated Cost Rs. in Crores: 16.55, EMD in Rs.: 58,000/-**

Calender of Events: (1) Tender document can be downloaded from Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **19.02.2026. (2)** Prebid meeting is **25.02.2026** at **4:00 p.m. (3)** Last date for uploading the filled proposals is **03.03.2026** upto **4:00 p.m. (4)** Date of opening of Technical proposals is **04.03.2026** after **4:30 p.m. (5)** Date of opening of Financial proposals **will be intimated through KPP Portal.** Further details can be obtained from the above office during working hours or from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division, BWCC

KERALA CHICKEN

KUDUMBASHREE BROILER FARMERS' PRODUCER COMPANY LIMITED

TC 94/3171, Opp. St. Anne's Church, Pallimukk, Pettah, Trivandrum - 695024
Phone: 0471-2448144, CIN: U01100 KL2019 PTC 057337

TENDER NOTICE

Invites tenders from the dealers/suppliers/agencies for the supply of **"ROTOGRAVURE 3 LAYER PRINTED LAMINATED PACKAGING COVERS' (PET+LDPE+BOPP)** for packing broiler chicken & value-added product of Kudumbashree Kerala Chicken

Bid submission Last Date : 28/02/2026

For more information, log on to **www.keralachicken.org.in**

Sd/-,
Chairman & Managing Director

MAHAVITARAN

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.

SHORT TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited for Procurement of Tool Kit Comprising 5 Items T&P Per Kit through e tendering process with an Estimated Cost of Rs. 604.37 Lakhs against MSEDCL advertised Tender on website vide No. MMD/T-HTM2-06/0226 due for submission on dtd. 24.02.2026 For details please visit website:
https://etender.mahadiscom.in/eatApp/

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Sd/-
Chief Engineer (MMD)

BENGALURU WEST CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Traffic Engineer Cell 2, BWCC, 19th main road Rajajinagar 2nd Block, Bengaluru 560010

No: EE/TEC(Z-2)/TEND/05/2025-26 Date: 17.02.2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

Tender Notification (Two Cover System)

(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Executive Engineer- Traffic engineering Cell Division invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the work detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	Collection of Parking Fees for HMT Main road, Triveni main road, 17th cross road, Tharasu Road in Malleshwaram. **Minimum Reserve Annual License fee : Rs. 1,05,00,000.00, EMD :Rs.2,10,000.00**

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka from **12.02.2026. (2)** Last Date for Tender queries: **20.02.2026 up to 3.00 pm. (3)** Pre bid Meeting on : **24.02.2026 at 3.30 Pm** in TEC Division, 19th main road Rajajinagar 2nd Block Bengaluru - 560010 **(4)** Last Date for Receipt of Tender is : **09.03.2026 up to 4.00 pm. (5)** Date of opening of Technical Bid is : **12.03.2026 by 4.30 pm. (6)** Date of opening of financial Bid after approval of Technical bid : **13.03.2026 (If possible)**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Traffic Engineering Cell Zone-2, BWCC

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

(www.kpwd.gov.in)

Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Special Division, Shivamogga
Ph: 08182-222943 **Email ID:** spdivision@gmail.com

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Two-cover system) (Through KPP portal)

IFT No. 47/2025-26 **Date: 17.02.2026**

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-4 (two cover system) Contractors has registered in PWD Department Class-1 can apply under head of account **4059-80-051-0-60-132-CMIPD Indent No. 33342 & 33363 for Maximum Amount put to tender is. Rs. 730.89 Lakhs, and Minimum amount put to tender is 438.14 Lakhs, Maximum EMD amount is Rs.10.965 lakhs and Minimum EMD amount is Rs. 6.44 Lakhs. Time allowed for completion of work is 11 Months including Monsoon.** The tenderers may submit tenders through KPPP- portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz., http://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in). The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 4 of the Section -2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPPP-Portal from **17.02.2026 to 04.03.2026** Last date for Receipt of Tender is on **04.03.2026 at 17.00 PM**. The Technical bid will be opened on **05.03.2026 at 05.30 PM onwards** and Financial bid will be opened after **06.03.2026 Onwards.** If there any changes in publication, it will be publishing through KPPP-Portal only. For more information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, Public Works Department,
Special Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/SMG/No. 93-02/Zenkar/2025-26

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
KNNL, Shiggaon Lift Irrigation Division,
K.C.D.Circle, Behind Ganapati Temple,
Dasanakoppa Main Road, Dharwad-580 001.

E-mail id: eesliddwd@gmail.com Ph No. 0836-2955347

No.KNN/SLID/DWD/PB-1/Savanur-Additional/Tender/2025-26/966 Dt: 16-02-2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (2nd Call)

(THROUGH *"KPP-Portal"* ONLY)

Ref :KNN/SLID/DWD/PB-1/Savanur-Additional/ Tender/2025-26/886, Dated: 21-01-2026

On behalf of the Managing Director Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, SLI Division. Dharwad, Karnataka invites tenders on percentage basis in **Two Cover System** from the **eligible registered Civil Contractor**. The intending bidders can submit their bids as an individual /firm/company for the work of **"1) Laying of parallel pipe line from Kyalkond to Hulguru via Panigatti and Basanal, 2) Connection of T-Bleeders and Control Valve in DC-4 Rising Main near Kalasur Jack well next to the manifold and construction of open canal or providing pipe line from the bleeder to Varada river including energy dissipation system, 3) Improvements to selected/all tanks and construction of delivery pipe chamber in Savanur and Shiggaon tank filling schemes". (Amount put to tender Rs.400.94 Lakhs**) through KPP-portal of Government of Karnataka. The blank tender documents can be obtained through website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **23/02/2026, 11.00 a.m.** onwards and completed e-tendering documents can be submitted up to **05/03/2026, 4.00 p.m**. The Pre-Bid meeting is scheduled on **02/03/2026** at **11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m**. in the office of **Executive Engineer, KNNL, Shiggaon LI division, Dharwad**. The technical bid will be opened on **06/03/2026 at 4.30 p.m**. and financial bids of successful tenders will be opened on **09/03/2026** at **11.00 a.m**. or after obtaining approval to the Technical Bid.

Any Addendum/Corrigendum shall be published in the KPP portal only. The undersigned reserves the right to postpone, accept, reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DIPR/Dharwad/1239/Deshapandepublicity/2025-26

Sd/- (Manjunath.B.)
Executive Engineer,
KNNL, SLI DIVISION, DHARWAD

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

ARM-1 Branch,
2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower,
M.G. Road Bengaluru-560001
Ph:080-25310066, E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **20.03.2026 (10.00 AM to 11.00 AM),** for recovery of **Rs.26,48,88,844.71 (Rupees Twenty Six Crore Forty Eight Lakh Eighty Eight Thousands Eight Hundred Forty Four And Paisa Seventy One Only)** as on date with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) M/s Biopoint India Private Limited, (2) Mr Aniketan U P Managing Director, (3) Smt. Amulya N S Director, (4) Smt R Manjula, All are residing at:** # 502, 12th Main, M S R Enclave,Near Nagasandra Metro Station, Nagasandra, Bangalore 560073. **(5) Smt. Ananya U P**, No. S3, 2nd Floor, Deccan Terrace 8th Main, Malleswaram, Bengaluru 5600036. **(6) Mr. B R Siddesh,** No. 3163, 10th Main Road, 3rd Cross, MCC Block, Southern Division, Devanagere 577004. **(7) Mr. K N Umesh,** # 502, 12th Main, M S R Enclave, Near Nagasandra Metro Station, Nagasandra, Bangalore 560073.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **18.03.2026 - 5.00 pm.**

(₹.In Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value	Inspection date & time
1	All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing Sy No. 26/8 measuring 2 acres 35 guntas located at Metikurke village, Hiriyur Taluk, Chitradurga District, Standing in the name of M/s Bio Point India Pvt. Ltd., and bounded by: East : LA NO. 31, West: Land of B Thippamma, North: LA No 276 land, South: LA – HI 2 land.	Rs. 3142.31	Rs. 314.23	Rs. 10.00	20.02.2026 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer
2	Hypothecated Plant & Machinery, Furniture & Fixtures and DG set				

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.080-25310066, 6381952519 and 9483544116, e-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com during office hours on any working day.

Date : 17.02.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our clients **Sri N.S. Hiremath S/o Siddayya Hiremath, 2) Smt. Bhavana Hiremath W/o N S Hiremath, 3) Sri Rohith N Hiremath S/o N S Hiremath, 4) Sri Hitesh N Hiremath, S/o N S Hiremath.** All are residing at No 469/A, "Nenapu" 3rd Cross, 2nd Block, behind B T L School, B S K 3rd Stage, Bangalore – 560 085 intends to purchase the Property described in the schedule hereunder from **Sri Harsha R S/o Ramakrishnaiah M V** who represents that he is the absolute owner in possession of the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder:

Any person/s having any valid, tenable, legal objections/ claims/ right, title and interest in on upon the said schedule property to the said sale conveyance of the schedule property is/ are hereby noticed to lodge their claim in writing, with documentary proof thereof, within a period of **7 days** from the date of this publication to the undersigned, failing which the sale shall be proceeded with as though none have any manner of right, title or interest, nor any legal claim/ objections in respect of the said schedule property described below.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Residential building spread across 4 Floors constructed on the property bearing No. 3167/379/605/153/C, **EPID No 2403197973**, 9th Cross, 1st Phase, 3rd Main Road, B E M L Layout, 7th Stage, Mylasandra Village, Bangalore South Taluk, presently coming within the administrative Jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike measuring East to West 55-00 Feet and North to South 30 Feet in all measuring about 1650 Sq Feet. The building constructed is of 4 floors, R C C roofed, vitrified tiles and each floor has Two (2) houses meant for residential accommodation and bounded by:

On the East : Road,
On the West : Water Tank,
On the North : Property No 153/B,
On the South : Property No 153/D

Sri DAYANANDA HIREMATH, Advocate,
M/s Noble Law Associates,
No. 76, Ranga Rao Road, Basavanagudi,
Bangalore-560 004. Ph: 9980009441.
E-Mail: ***dayahiremath@gmail.com***

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION AND GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer,Minor Irrigation and Ground water development Divison, Mandya
E mail: eemimandya@gmail.com
No:EE:MID/MDY/TA/AE/TB-14/2025-26:556 **Date:16.02.2026**

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 14/2025-26, Dated: 16-02-2026

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, M.I & G.W.D Division, Mandya invited item wise Tender from eligible contractors under " KPP " Portal as per the terms and conditions prescribed in standard tender bid documents KW-1 and KW-4 there are 19 No's of works(6-works + 13 fishery rights) amount put to tender ranging from Rs. 3660.00 to as high as Rs.140.00 Lakhs. The Details are as below.

Sl. No	Head of Account	Works	Last date of Uploading the tender in KPPP & Time	Technical Bid Opening date & Time	Financial Bid Opening date & Time
1	4702-SCP-Check Dam	4	Dt:25.02.2026, 17-29 Hours,	Dt:26.02.2026, 17-30 Hours	Dt:27.02.2026 17-30 Hours
2	2702-O&M	1			
3	4702-SCP-Borewell	1			
4	Distribution of fishery rights through e-tender for fishing in Minor irrigation Department tanks of Mandya district	13	Dt:12.03.2026 17-30 Hours	Dt:13.03.2026 17-30 Hours	Dt:16.03.2026 17-30 Hours

Any information regarding this tender may be obtained from this office during Working hours. The tenders may be uploaded (Technical and Financial bids to be uploaded separately) with the prescribed E.M.D and requisite documents through website "www.kppp.karnataka.govt.in" Details of small irrigation department tanks/water resources in Mandya district can be obtained at the office of the signatory during working hours. Alternatively, they can be obtained on the KPPP portal www.kppp.karnataka.govt.in. The e-tender documents for auctioning fishery/livestock rights of lakes/water resources can be obtained at this office or on the KPPP portal www.kppp.karnataka.govt.in.

Note: All the rights and decisions if any of all works or any of the work of this tender reserved by the under signed. Terms and conditions required for each work is published in the "www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in " Tender Portal. Any additional information is available at the office of the undersigned. Any corrections /Date Changes/ Addendum and Corrigendum regarding each individual works will be published separately in "kpp " portal only.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Division, Mandya.

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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Asset Recovery Management Branch Kolar
New Extension, Near ITO, Doom Light Circle, Kolar Town - 563 101.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assests and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisio to Rule 8 (6) of Security Intrest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E-Auction arranged by the service provider : **E-bkray (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd), (Contact No. 7046612345 / 6354910172 / 8291220220 / 9892219848 / 8160205051, Email: support.ebkray@psballiance.com / support.ebkray@procure247.com**

Neme of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Assets	E-Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price and (EMD) Date & Time	1) Incremetal Value at Bid 2) A/c. No. & IFSC
1. Mr. Muhammed Shafi (Borrower & Mortgagor) S/o. Mr. Shahul Ahmed, Chankanathu Veedu, Irattakalungu, Post-Chirayinkil, Chirayinkeezhu, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerela -695304, **Also at :** Flat No. 261 BF Tower, Indira Nagar, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerela-695005. **2. Mr Nasarudeen E (Guarantor)** S/o. Ismayil Rawuthar, Thacorathu Veedu, Kunoor, Kanyakulngara Post-Vembayam Nedumangad, Kerala- 695615	**Rs. 4,62,93,097/-** (Rupees Four crore sixty two lakh ninety three thousand and ninety seven Only) as on 09-02-2026 plus un applied interest w.e.f 12.02.2026 and Bank charges.	**Schedule "A" property :** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Residentially Converted Land in Sy No.119/2 (vide official memorandum No. ALN(A)(SH)SR98A/2011-12 dated 21.10.2011 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District), presently bearing Handenahalli Village Panchayath Khata No. 92/180, situated at S. Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, totally measuring 69815 Square Feet (Out of the total extent of 1 Acre 32 Guntas, an area measuring 52'10" x 162'8" on the northern side is left for the road widening). **BOUNDARIES : North :** Road, **South :** Property bearing Sy. No.117, **East :** Property bearing Sy. No.119/1, **West :** Property bearing Sy. No.119/3. **Schedule "B" Property :** (Property agreed to be conveyed under this agreement)216.80 sq. mtrs or 2333.635 sq. ft share of undivided interest in the Schedule "A" Property with a right to construct and own Schedule "C" Property is the matter of sale in this deed. **Schedule "C" Property :** Villa/Residential unit No. 180/19C also known as C4, on the basement, ground, first & second floors of "VAISHNAVI ANANTYA", being constructed on Schedule "A" Property in terms of Sanction Plan LAO 91/11-12 dated 10.02.2012, duly sanctioned by the Anekal Development Authority, consisting of living, dining room, 4 bed rooms, kitchen, bathrooms and toilet/s, balconies, together with common areas and facilities attributable thereto, with a super built-up area of 475.82 sq. mtrs or 5121.726 sq. ft, and a covered car parking space measuring 270 sq. ft. The apartment is of RCC roofing, vitrified tiled flooring, wooden doors and windows, and the apartment is **bounded by : North :** Apartment No. 180/18C, **South :** Apartment No. 180/20C, **East :** Passage and Apartment No. 180/10B, **West :** Apartment No. 180/24DIV. ast: Passage and Apartment No. 180/10B, **West :** Apartment No. 180/24DIV. **CERSAI ID : 400082133060**	**25.03.2026 from 12.00 p.m. to 02.00 p.m.**	**Reserve Price : Rs. 6,15,80,000/-** **EMD : Rs. 61,58,000/- on or before 24.03.2026, 5.00 p.m.**	1) Multiples of **Rs. 50,000/-** 2) A/c. No. **209272434** IFSC : **CNRB0007898** **Encumbrance (s) : Not known to Bank**

Note : As on date, No Encumbrance Known to Bank for the above mention properties.

Other terms and Conditions :

a) Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://www.bankeauctions.com** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. **b)** The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with **Authorised Officer, on or before 24.03.2026 between bank working hours. c)** The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. **d)** EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **(https://baanknet.com),** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. **e)** After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **24.03.2026 - 5.00 PM** to **Canara Bank, ARM Branch Kolar** by hand or by email. i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. iii) Bidders Name. Contact No. Address, E Mail ID. iv) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD. **f)** The intending bidders should register their names at portal **(https://baanknet.com),** / and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider **(https://baanknet.com), (Contact No. 8291220220 / 6354910172 / 8291220220 / 9892219848 / 8160205051, Email: support.baanknet@psballiance.com /. g)** EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest. **h)** Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only).** The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. **i)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance on or before 15 days from the date of confimation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. **j) For Immovables :** For sale proceeds of **Rs. 50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Only)** and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct **TDS at the rate 1%** on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank. **k)** All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST registration charges etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. **l)** There is no encumbrance in the property to the knowledge of the bank. Successful Bidder is liable to pay all society dues, municipal taxes / panchayat taxes / electricity/ water charges / other charges, duties and taxes whatsoever, including outstanding, if any, in respect of and/or affecting the subject property. **m)** Authorised Officer reserves the right to postphone/cancel or very the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof. **n)** In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach oncerned Kolar ARM Branch, who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements.

o) For further details contact **DIVISIONAL MANAGER, KOLAR ARM BRANCH,CANARA BANK, Phone No. 9760205654 / 08152227898, email:cb7898@canarabank.com (or): or the service provider (https://baanknet.com), (Contact No. 7046612345 / 6354910172 / 8291220220 / 9892219848 / 8160205051, Email: support.baanknet@psballiance.com /**

Special Instruction/Caution

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/ failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 11.02.2026, Place : Kolar **Sd/-Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that my client Smt.Jeevarathna, Wife of late R A Indrasena, Aged about 83 years, residing at No:23, Fifth "A" Cross, Subbanna Garden, Vijayanagar, Bangalore – 560 040, has lost / misplaced the original Possession Certificate dt:15-11-1984 vide PR No.113/84-85, issued by Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, in respect of the schedule property;

In the said circumstances, my client has lodged a complaint dt:17-02-2026 with Police Unit, Bangalore City under lost report No.2067553/2026. Public are informed that the finder/s of the above document, are requested to hand over the same to the undersigned within 7 (seven) days hereof and they will be suitably rewarded. General Public are also warned to not enter into any transactions based on the above missing document and any such transactions will not be binding on my client;

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of entire residential property bearing Municipal No.270 (earlier BDA No.270), situated at Girinagar, Avalahalli Extention, Banashankari Third Stage, Bangalore, within the limits and administration of Bangalore West Nagara Palike, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No.162-Girinagar (old ward No.54) PID No:54-173-270, EPID No.1821164282 and bounded on the:

East by : Site bearing BDA No.271;
West by : Site bearing BDA No.269;
North by : Site bearing BDA No.267;
South by : Road;
MEASURING : East to West: 9.15 Mtrs.;
North to South: 12.20 Mtrs.;
In all admeasuring 111.63 Sq.Mtrs.;

N S RACHANA
N C JANARDHAN, ADVOCATES
Rachana Law Associates, "Lakshmideep",
I Floor, No:2980, 17th Cross, Banashankari
II Stage, BANGALORE – 560 070
PH : 9731810810 / 9886284325
Dt : 17-02-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the original registered document described below has been lost and is not traceable despite diligent search.

Original **Absolute Sale Deed** bearing Document **No. DNH-1-04588-2017-18,** DNH647, Dated 30-08-2017 registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli, in respect of immovable property more fully described in the said Sale Deed standing in the name of **Sri. Muninanjegowda.** It is submitted that the said original Sale Deed was lost on **10/02/2026** while travelling in a **BMTC Bus from Market to Jyothipura** during early morning hours.

In this regard, the undersigned has lodged a complaint before the jurisdictional Police and the same has been registered as **Lost Report No. 2057394/2026 dated 11/02/2026** under Section 155 Cr.P.C. by **Bengaluru City Police.** An Indemnity Bond dated 11/02/2026 has also been executed in this regard.

All persons, banks, financial institutions, and general public are hereby cautioned not to deal, transact, mortgage, create charge, or claim any right on the basis of the above said missing original Sale Deed. Any person dealing with the said document shall be doing so at his/her own risk, cost and consequences and the undersigned shall not be responsible or liable for the same.

If any person finds the said original document or has any claim, objection, or interest over the same, they are hereby requested to intimate the undersigned in writing within **7 (Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which necessary steps will be taken to obtain certified copies and proceed in accordance with law.

Sd/-
Sri. Muninanjegowda
S/o Late Venkatappa
Residing at: Jyothipura Village,
Manduru Post, Bengaluru – 560049
Mobile No.: 9901765351
Place: Bangalore Date:17-02-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

WE, SHANTHI KRISHNAN D/o.Sri. P.N. Krishnan AND SHANKAR KRISHNAN, S/o. Sri. P.N. Krishnan, both are Residing at No. 2603 8th Main Road, 17th Cross, Banashankari 2nd stage, Bengaluru-560070, has lost original allotment letter dt:13/03/2002 vide No. BDA/DS-3/459/I-BLK/BSK.6/2001-02, possession certificate dt:21/11/2003 and original sale deed dt: 21/11/2003, Reg No. BDA-1-11745/2003-04, and stored in CD No. BDAD3, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Adl. District Registrar, Bangalore Urban district, Bangalore, while getting the photocopies of the original documents in a Xerox shop in Banashankari BDA complex and after due diligent search we couldn't find the same, hence we have lodged a police complaint with Bengaluru City police on 09/02/2026, vide Lost report No. 2053336/2026. It is hereby called on the public that if anyone finds the aforementioned documents, are requested to hand over the same to the below mentioned address or to Banashankari police. Take note that the mis users of the documents will be prosecuted.

SHANTHI KRISHNAN AND SHANKAR KRISHNAN, S/o. Sri. P.N. Krishnan,
Residing at No. 2603,8th Main Road,
17th Cross, Banashankari 2nd stage,
Bengaluru- 560070. Ph.9900000059 .
Place: Bangalore Date: 17.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is notify the general public that my client **Dr. Kishor Kumar .M** has negotiated to purchase the immovable property bearing No.2092, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru, having EPID No.9654273224, and measuring East to West: 19 meters and North to South: 10.80 meters, totally measuring 205.2 square meters and bounded on: East by: Site No.2094, West by: Road, North by: Site No.2091 and South by: Road, from its owner M/s Kadur Engineering Private Ltd., Rep by its Directors Smt.Nirmala Praksh and Smt.Vydhehi Prakash Kadur. If any person/s, institution/s, Bank/s, Firm/s etc., have got any objections for this transaction or claim on the said property shall notify their claim with their supporting documents with the undersigned on or before **7 days** from this notification. No claim will be entertained beyond the period of **7 days.** I have verified all the documents and certify all to be clear. Any objections please contact

Mr. K.H. PRADEEP KUMAR, Advocate
office at Jurist Chamber, Mourya Mansion,
Ground Floor, 1st Cross, Gandhinagar,
Bengaluru-560009. Mobile: 9886787126.

BENGALURU SMART INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED
Office of the Chief Engineer -03, Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-SMILE),
N.R.Square, Bengaluru-560 002

No: B-SMILE/CE-03/TEND/02/2025-26 **Date: 17.02.2026**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER(NIT)

(Through https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)
(Competitive Bidding under KW-4 Two Cover System)

The Government of Karnataka has constituted "Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited" (B- SMILE) for implementation of Specific Infrastructure works in the city of Bengaluru. On behalf of the Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-SMILE), The Chief Engineer-03, Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-SMILE) invites tenders from eligible contractors registered with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the development of work under KW-4 (Two Cover system). The details of the work are as under.

Sl. No.	Name of the work
1	Comprehensive development of **"Outer Ring Road from Silk Board Junction to K.R. Puram Metro Station to Global standards". Package 1:** Silk Board Junction to Iblur Junction (Length 5.44km). **Amount put to tender: Rs. 109.18 Crores (Excluding GST).**

Following shall be the calendar of events for Tendering: (1) Date and Time for availability of Tender Documents in KPP Portal: **20.02.2026** at **4:30 p.m. (2)** Last date for submission of pre-bid queries: **27.02.2026 @ 1:00 p.m. (3)** Date and Time of Pre-Bid Meeting, Under the Chairmanship of Director (Technical), B-SMILE: **27.02.2026 @ 3:00 p.m., O/o. Director (Tech), B-SMILE, NR Square, Bengaluru 560002. (4)** Authority response to Queries latest by: **27.02.2026** at **4.00 p.m. (5)** Last Date &Time for Receipt of Tenders: **10.03.2026** at **4:00 p.m. (6)** Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **11.03.2026** at **4:00 p.m. (7)** Declaration of Eligible/Qualified Bidders: **Will be Notified. (8)** Opening of Financial Bid: **Will be Notified.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-03
Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-SMILE)

HG: 28/02/2026
IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE COURT AT BANGALORE
O.S. No. 6373/2024 (CCH-40)

PLAINTIFF : Mr. C. SRINIVAS, S/o H.V. Channappa, Aged about 53 years, R/at #101, DeWine Grace Apartment, 2nd Main Road, Kodihalli, Bangalore - 560008.

V/S

DEFENDANT : Mrs. SOWMYA .G

NOTICE/SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT

To, **Mrs. SOWMYA G,** W/o Raghavendra P, Aged about 41 years, R/at. #201, Mythri Wood Apartments, Upadhaya Layout, Near Bangalore University, Nagadevanahalli, Bangalore-560056.

Whereas the above-named plaintiff instituted a suit against you for recovery of money of **Rs.5,23,000/-** with in the interest at 12% P.A. from the date of the suit till realization.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this court **on 28/02/2026 at 11:00 a.m.** in person or through advocate/pleader to answer the questions to the same, failing which the suit be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE (immovable property)

Given under my hand & seal of the Court, this 17th day of February 2026.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
Advocate for Plaintiff
SYED JAFFER MOHIYUDDIN
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If any third party/s Person/s has/have any manner of right, title, interest, demand, clients, charges or lien over the schedule property they are hear by requested to file the objections to this sale transaction or mortgage of said property to the financial institutions/Bank/third parties and shall informed/said object the same in writing along with the photocopies, related such claims, objections through the RPAD with the under mentioned address within 10 days from the publication of this notice.

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This is information to the General Public that my client, **MR. V. SRIDHAR,** aged about 53 years, is the absolute owner of Residential Apartment Bearing No. B-105, in first Floor of Block "ELITE", of the project " MEENAKSHI CLASSIC" situated at Agara Village begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. and is in physical possession, more fully described in the schedule hereunder .my client represented that , on 16-02-2026 while traveling has lost/misplaced Original Sale Deed Dated 04-11-2004, registered as Document No. BAS-1-20004-2004-05, Book No.1, stored in CD No. BASD109, dated 08/11/2004, Registered in the Office of Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, pertaining to the schedule property. Hence my Client had lodged a Complaint intimating the loss of the said original sale deed with jurisdictional Police Station Bangalore on dated 16-02-2026 any person or persons finding the original sale deed may please to handover the same either to the undersigned or to the owner , if any claiming any rights, title or interest based on the said Sale deeds should write the undersigned **within 15 days** of the public notice

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All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment Bearing No. B-105, in first Floor of Block "ELITE ", of the project" MEENAKSHI CLASSIC" Built in Schedule 'A' Property and apartment measuring 1213 Sq. feet of super built area approximately inclusive of proportionate share in common area such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with One Covered Car Parking Space bearing No. 74 in the Basement Floor and Apartment is bounded on: **East by:** Corridor in "MEENAKSHI CLASSIC", **West by:** Driveway in, "MEENAKSHI CLASSIC", **North by:** Apartment No. B-106 in "MEENAKSHI CLASSIC", and **South by:** Apartment No. B-104 in "MEENAKSHI CLASSIC"

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-2 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 11.03.2026 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale],** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **10.03.2026.**

(₹. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Details and Full Description of the Property	Reserve Price & EMD
1.	**(1) M/s Sree Hanuman Enterprises,** K No. 1803/6/35, Near Jnanabhodini School, Pavagada Taluk, Tumkur-561202. **(2) Sri G N Sanjivareddy** S/o Narasimhappa, Near Jnanabhadini School, Gundaralahalli Village, Pavagada Taluk, Tumakuru-561202. **(3) Smt. Eshwaramma** W/o Sanjeeva Reddy, Near Jnanabhodini School, Gundaralahalli Village, Pavagada Taluk, Tumakuru-561202.	**Rs. 66,11,292.39 (Rupees Sixty Six Lakhs Eleven Thousand Two hundred Ninety Two and Thirty Nine paisa only) plus further interest thereon from 15.02.2026 and other expenses**	AC sheet roofed commercial Building consists of Ground floor constructed in sites bearing: **SITE No.32 :** Formed in Sy No 6, Khata No 1803/6/1/32(old khata No.1803/6 and later on Khata No.1803/6/32), PID No.10-501-32/16, measuring NS 9.12 meter and EW 12.14 meter, Total Area 1200 Sq.ft, Bounded on East: Road, West: Park, North: Road, South: Site No 35. **Owner Name: Mrs.Eshwaramma** **SITE No.35 :** Formed in Sy No 6, Khata No 1803/6/1/35 (old khata No.1803/6 and later on Khata No.1803/6/35), PID No.10-501-35/17, measuring NS 9.12 meter and EW 12.14 meter, Total Area 1200 Sq.ft, Bounded on : East: Road, West: Park, North: Site no 32, South: Road, **Owner Name: Mrs.Eshwaramma** **SITE No.36 :** Formed in Sy No 6, Khata No 1803/6/1/36 (old khata No.1803/6 and later on Khata No.1803/6/36), PID No.10-501-36/15, measuring NS 9.12 meter and EW 12.14 meter. Total Area 1200 Sq.ft, Bounded on : East: Road, West: Park, North: Road, South: Site No.39. **Owner Name:Mrs.Eshwaramma** **SITE No.39 :** Formed in Sy No 6, Khata No 1803/6/1/39 (old khata No.1803/6 and later on Khata No.1803/6/39), PID No.10-501-39/14, measuring NS 9.12 meter and EW 12.14 meter. Total Area 1200 Sq.ft, Bounded on : East: Road, West: Park, North: Site No 36, South: Road **Owner Name:Mrs.Eshwaramma** Situated at 37/14, # T, 1st Main, Ward No.23, Pavagada Taluk, Tumakuru, Karnataka-561202.	**Reserve Price Rs.86.00 Lakhs** **EMD Rs.8.60 Lakhs**

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS : (a) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.(b) The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer. (c) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.(d) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. (e) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **10.03.2026,** to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email. (i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. (ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. (iii) Bid Form. The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com. EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest. (f) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Rs.25,000/-.** The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. (g) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of **Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298. (h) For sale proceeds of Rs.50.00 Lakhs** (Rupees Fifty lacs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank. (i) All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges etc. As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. (j) Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof. (k) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach **Canara Bank Circle office, Bengaluru or Canara Bank ARM II Branch, Bengaluru,** who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements. (l) Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area, dues, suits and cases etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank. (m) After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act.

For further details contact **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- (9113092975, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9483544116, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com.**

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Date : 16.02.2026 **Sd/- Authorised officer**
Place: Bangalore **Canara Bank**

EDITORIAL

By bringing the world together, social media is tearing it apart — Naval Ravikant

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

— Ramnath Goenka

BOLD STEPS TO CURB STRONG-ARM LOAN RECOVERY IN OFFING

INITIATING a major pro-consumer reform, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is set to introduce stricter norms for banks and recovery agents on how loans are recovered from borrowers. There has been growing disquiet over the strong-arm tactics used by banks and their agents to recover loans, including threatening phone calls and other forms of intimidation. In many cases, the amounts owed to banks are disputed, and there is little institutional mechanism to determine responsibility. As promised by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her recent Budget speech, the RBI has released a set of draft directions focused on borrower protection. The draft, after review, is expected to take effect on July 1. Among the provisions are a ban on consumer harassment, clear rules for the repossession of assets, and standard operating procedures for hiring and deploying recovery agents.

The RBI's reforms will also address two other areas of concern for consumers—unfair and misleading sales practices for high-risk financial products and rising bank fraud. These measures should ideally have been introduced earlier; however, better late than never. Guidelines are in the pipeline to mandate transparency in the sale of third-party, bank-linked products such as insurance and mutual funds. At present, exaggerated claims about potential returns are often made without adequate disclosure of the associated risks. The new norms will also shift part of the burden of increasing digital fraud onto banks by providing automatic coverage for small frauds up to ₹25,000. This will compel banks to strengthen security at the source and provide layered protection to vulnerable groups such as pensioners.

Hopefully, this range of consumer protection measures will foster greater respect for consumers than currently exists. Loan recovery agencies—often functioning as quasi-enforcement entities—have been deliberately positioned as an intermediary layer, as banks prefer not to be directly associated with questionable recovery practices. This opaque arrangement should be eliminated, and loan recovery should be made a direct division within financial institutions. Moreover, as many bank claims are contested, there is a need for fast-track tribunals empowered to adjudicate disputes and provide timely relief to complainants. Finally, these new guidelines must carry real force through deterrent financial penalties on banks that compromise consumer safety. The Office of the Ombudsman has functioned effectively; similarly, a robust redress mechanism must be established to ensure that the consumer remains paramount.

WHEN AN END BECOMES A BEGINNING

WHEN a family in Kerala found a way to channel its pain, it touched the larger community and paved the way for potential societal change. The death of 10-month-old Aalin Sherin Abraham, a week after she was critically injured in a car accident near Kottayam, might have gone largely unnoticed but for her family's decision to donate her organs, making her the youngest organ donor in the state. Importantly, the Kerala government recognised the significance of a gesture that went beyond the customary definition of humanity and sent out a larger message of social awakening. It accorded a state funeral to Aalin, creating a powerful image of the family's sacrifice and honouring a short life that gave others a chance to live even as it ended.

The State honour was not merely symbolic. It issued a call to action that could give a fillip to Kerala's organ donation programme. For the record, the government has been striving to boost organ donation numbers, especially cadaveric donations, but continues to face difficulties in getting its own hospitals to identify brain deaths and persuade families to consent. Since 2012, government hospitals in Kerala have recorded just 58 donations out of 397 statewide. Overall, there has been a slight improvement. Cadaver donations touched 25 in 2025, the highest in nine years, yet the figure remains well below the 72 recorded in 2016 and the 76 the year before. On a positive note, organ donation pledges rose sharply in 2025, surpassing 10,000. Even so, Kerala lags behind many other states, particularly its southern counterparts, in both donations and pledges.

Kerala hopes to narrow this gap by holding up little Aalin as an example. The state has rarely hesitated to set trends in social indicators, enabling its people to attain levels of social and cultural advancement that others aspire to. Once again, Kerala is attempting to lead by recognising an infant organ donor as a deserving hero. At the same time, the family's sacrifice invites society to introspect. It is a call for a response that reflects a commitment to humanity, and a poignant reminder that an end need not be final but can become a new beginning, one that sustains the values of empathy, care and compassion.

QUICK TAKE

FAITH IN THE FEED

A sub-committee of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee met last week to discuss the growing trend of spreading misinformation about 'Sikhi' through AI tools and ways to prevent the circulation of content on social media that undermines the dignity and sanctity of the faith. The concern recalls the rigours that governed the compilation of the Adi Granth, the Guru Granth Sahib, where only compositions conforming to strict Gurmat principles were authenticated and included. The committee awaits technical experts' reports before deciding on further action. For many younger users, conversational AI systems are increasingly becoming the first point of reference, amplifying the risk of distortion as religion confronts the challenge of algorithms mediating faith.

As nations experiment with age-based social media restrictions, India must weigh freedom against responsibility, recognising that cyber parenting and societal resolve are essential to safeguard children

SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE BATTLE FOR YOUNG MINDS

VINAY SAHASRABUDDHE — Senior BJP leader

MANDAR PARDIKAR

"Your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgement and he betrays you instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion."
— Edmund Burke, Speech to the Electors of Bristol (November 3, 1774)

THE case of the suspected suicide of the Ghaziabad sisters and many recent incidents abroad compel one to sit up and think about some restrictive measures on the use of social media. True that banning anything, from books to websites, films to theatre performances, may not be a very good idea in a democratic system *per se*.

But democracy is not just about popularity, public opinion and market trends, as pointed out by thinkers-politicians like Edmund Burke. It is also about protecting the interests of the people despite their grave ignorance. Also, the emerging powers of new technologies are proving to be not just disruptive but also invasive of privacy and personal spaces of individuals, many of them gullible and ignorant.

If one examines the strengths and limitations of social media bans or restrictions imposed on schoolchildren in countries like Australia, it yields valuable insights. One thing is very clear. In the absence of any other practicable and effective measure, restricting kids' easy access to all social media is increasingly popular. Over 77 percent of Australians have supported the restrictions promulgated since late last year. A survey found that globally, 65 percent of people support banning children under 14 from using social media.

While the narrative around restricting kids' access to social media is evolving worldwide, the measures taken or considered by certain countries are worth understanding. The new Australian law compelled all major social media platforms to block minors under 16 from December 10, 2025. The law provides penalties of up to AU$ 4.95 crore (approximately ₹317 crore) for companies that do not comply.

In the UK, the age of consent for digital activities is 13, but the government is reconsidering raising it to 16. France, Denmark and Greece have almost finalised rules banning children under 16 from accessing social media. The Netherlands and South Korea have regulated cell phone use in classrooms fairly strictly. In the US, while there is no federal ban yet, states like Utah passed regulations while others focus on limiting 'addictive algorithms' and mandatory parental consent. In India, a parliamentary standing committee on education in its 2022 report has already recommended that the government explore making smartphones a licensed device for persons under the age of 16. Very recently, the chief economic adviser too has called for age-based restrictions on social media.

While there is a strong case for at least seriously considering restrictions on access to social media in general and smartphones in particular, many oppose any such bans. Some of them believe that if parents are given the responsibility to decide, where is the guarantee that they will make an informed decision? Others argue that, technologically, it is just impossible to enforce such a ban. They cite examples of using a virtual private network to escape Big Brother surveillance. While a few of these arguments may hold some water, most 'doubting Thomases' have plausibly developed a 'given-up' mindset.

True, a simplistic approach—this way or that—may not lead us anywhere; countries like India would do well to undertake a structured study of post-restriction societal impact in countries experimenting with restrictions. As it happens, no single family or educational institution can entirely enforce a ban unless there is deep societal understanding and support from law-enforcement authorities. At the same time, if families are unconcerned and callous, no ban could be effectively implemented ensuring the avoidance of addiction.

Social media addiction is comparable only to drugs. Experts in behavioural addiction issues largely attribute the phenomenon of social media addiction to the dopamine-inducing social environments that social networking sites provide. Social media platforms produce the same neural circuitry that is seen in those with a gambling addiction and recreational drug users.

Undoubtedly, preventing any addiction is the shared responsibility of families, communities and the government. And while the share of government is much higher, families cannot outsource this responsibility. Today, sadly, a mobile phone is placed in a child's hand as soon as they are born. Grandparents and parents who once told sparrow-and-crow stories have been replaced by mobile phones. Gradually, children don't just befriend mobile phones; they begin to depend on mobile devices and the internet for everything. There is a need to increase awareness about cyber parenting.

Obviously, cyber parenting or digital parenting is a new phenomenon. It involves preparing children to live a conscious, balanced and enriched life alongside technology. This includes explaining the dangers of the internet to children, helping them reduce excessive screen time and making them realise that while the online world is fascinating, the offline world is equally beautiful—subsequently allowing them to experience it. It also involves making it amply clear to the kids that while looking good is important, being good is more important. Parents who are deeply conscious of both the positive and negative effects of exposure to the cyber world can become good cyber parents.

Parents have to remain alert to ensure that their child does not fall into any form of addiction caused by gaming or the internet. This can happen only when parents are aware, communicative and more importantly, committed. Children's screen time can be effectively restricted only when parents themselves limit their own screen time. Parents, along with grandparents and other adult family members with high screen time, often seen playing 'Candy Crush Saga', cannot convincingly tell their children not to play games. Apart from removing such contradictions, measures such as introducing age-appropriate gadgets, setting basic rules for smartphone access, seeking children's consent before using their pictures on social media and raising children's awareness of cyberbullying could also be considered.

However, the most fundamental need is that of courage and conviction on everybody's part. Surrendering before the onslaught of tech-driven new media is easy. Meeting the challenge resolutely is hard but worth doing.

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ORBITING ASSETS, FALLING LOGIC

KAJAL BASU — Veteran journalist

IN mid-January 2026, during the anti-government uprising in Iran, Starlink waived its monthly subscription payments for users in Iran after the imamocracy blacked out the internet. Mahsa Alimardani, technospecialist at the human rights organisation Witness, told *CNN*, "Estimates say there are around 50,000 Starlink receivers in Iran."

Here's why the maths is shot: 50,000 terminals served a population of 9.2 crore, 80 percent of which are net-connected via 15.1 crore cellphones. Since one Starlink terminal can work 128-235 phones simultaneously, Starlink was servicing between 64 lakh and 1.1 crore devices. That's around 4-8 percent of all phones in the country. A few days later, the world's media reported extensively on the internet lockdown: Starlink terminals were estimated at up to 100,000. Suddenly confident stats about Starlink's reach began flooding the information market.

Starlink has never had a licence to operate in Iran, although thousands of its terminals have been smuggled into the country since 2022, when President Joe Biden permitted US companies to bypass sanctions. All this busy aerial connectivity was underground. Like every other internet service provider, Starlink knows exactly how many paid subscribers it has in Iran, but its profits lie in keeping quiet.

In January 2025, Pouya Pirhosseinloo, head of the Internet and Infrastructure Committee of the Tehran E-Commerce Association, said that "over 30,000 unique users are utilising satellite internet". In October 2025, Iran banned the "use, possession, purchase, sale, or import of unlicensed electronic, internet, or satellite communication devices—such as Starlink—for personal use". It's therefore improbable that in nine months the number of Starlink terminals shot up and actually tripled during the uprising. Starlink only became a free subscription in January 2026. For four years, therefore, Iranians paid $74 per month, along with a minimum hardware cost of $399. That's nearly $4,000 per subscriber in a faltering economy.

Worldwide, 9,422 Starlink satellites service 90 lakh subscribers—or a paltry 955 subscribers per satellite. Each satellite costs roughly $10 lakh to build and launch, which works out to about $1,000 per subscriber. There is $940-crore-worth of Starlink hardware floating about in low Earth orbit. So far, so good.

Each satellite has a built-in five-year lifespan. Assuming the most basic straight-line decay, lifecycle analysis and depreciation planning show that 20 percent of a product with a five-year lifespan will annually age out of service. Ergo, roughly five satellites fall out of the sky every day.

"The problem," reported *The Motley Fool*, "is that SpaceX is progressing toward 12,000 Starlinks in orbit, requiring 2,400 satellites, meaning 104 launches per year to replace old satellites. At an estimated cost of $500,000 to build each satellite, plus $67 million per Falcon 9 to launch them, this implies an annual cost of about $8.2 billion per year—just to keep the satellite constellation at full strength."

SPACEX

> Industry insiders have largely described Starlink's accounting as 'more art than science' which epitomises revenue figures that usually don't add up. Politics has also boosted hyperprofiteering, as SpaceX's satellite-based internet service-providing subsidiary has been in and out of conflict zones

The logic of Starlink revenues of $1,870 crore in 2026 posited by Payload Space is also whacked. According to *Forbes*, 'Internal and external estimates indicate that Starlink's revenues in 2024 were about 8.2 billion dollars', and that 'independent projections suggest Starlink alone may reach approximately 15.9 billion dollars in revenue in 2026'. That's a 15 percent projected increase in the year's revenue, without proof.

There's more spin. *Reuters* reported, "Starlink is a vital profit generator for SpaceX. Last year, the company generated about $8 billion in profit on $15 billion to $16 billion of revenue…with Starlink as the main revenue driver, accounting for about 50-80 percent of the total." That is, SpaceX's profits comprised 50 percent of its revenue, and Starlink contributed between half and three-fourths of SpaceX's profits. This is an impossible profit-to-revenue ratio.

Starlink aimed to rope in 2.3 percent of the world's online userbase by 2025, but it has a mere 0.15 percent—a shortfall of 93.5 percent. Elon Musk is planning a SpaceX initial public offering in 2026 to raise up to $5000 crore, reports *Bloomberg*. The IPO will really be about Starlink—with questionable subscriber growth and stability, symbiotic with US foreign policy of regime-change and expansionism, backed by progeric hardware, and an owner-CEO-CTO prone to overhype.

Many projections demonstrate a cute refusal to differ between revenue, profit and weasel terms like 'profitable territory'. In truth, however, insiders have described Starlink's accounting as 'more art than science'. *Bloomberg* wrote in 2024 that Starlink 'often strips out the hefty cost of sending its satellites into space to make the non-public numbers look better to investors' and that 'it's not actually profitable based on an operational and ongoing basis'.

So, what purpose, aside from hypercorporate profiteering blarney, is propping up Starlink? Politics, definitely. Starlink has been in and out of a host of conflict zones, usually at the behest of the US State department. (Elon Musk made Starlink subscriptions free in Iran soon after the US-approved uprising broke out.) It's the longest arm of US foreign policy.

Musk has kept Starlink's market cap close to his chest, making extrapolation necessary from SpaceX's private evaluation, which ranges from $40,000 crore to $1,25,000 crore (after SpaceX's merger with xAI). No one knows. In January 2017, Starlink was expected to reach an annual revenue of more than $3,000 crore by 2025. It's not even close.

Like Musk himself, Starlink's financials are a farrago.

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Cricketing spirit

Ref: *Missing handshake* (Feb 17). Exchange of pleasantries has been a time-honoured custom both at pre- and post-events of a match. Sportsmanship demands courtesy—respecting the sport's spirit. Either matches are suspended or played with decorum.
Sachidananda Satpathy, Sambalpur

Social evils

Ref: *Save child nutrition* (Feb 17). It's a necessary scheme destined to go a long way. Such an appreciable programme being boycotted due to social boycott defeats the very purpose of education which is supposed to foster unity and ensure dignity.
A G Rajmohan, Anantapur

Quality education

Ref: *From talent source to study hub* (Feb 17). Limited access to quality education in India is one of the main causes of inbound-outbound student imbalance. Though there are institutions of higher education in science, technology and management, corresponding institutions in other fields are conspicuously absent.
N Rama Rao, Chennai

Private takers

Ref: *Pahalgam attack victim's daughter awaits job* (Feb 17). It's shocking to come across the lack of sensitivity on the part of bureaucracy. Since government machinery is incompetent, will private organisations boasting of their nationalist credentials provide the woman a suitable job?
R Kasthurirangan, email

Cash economy

Ref: *GST notice, low interest rates push up cash use* (Feb 17). Deeming demonetisation a 'futile exercise' simply because currency in circulation has increased is an oversimplified reading of economics. The reform was never about permanently eliminating cash. It aimed to formalise the economy, widen the tax base and strengthen monetary transmission. Judging it only by today's cash levels ignores these structural objectives.
Vishnu J Nair, Thiruvananthapuram

Jet limitations

Ref: *5th-gen fighter imports* (Feb 17). It's ironic that Isro aims to be self-sufficient in producing space vehicle technology and DRDO is manufacturing indigenously developed rockets, while on the other hand HAL is still struggling with to meet Tejas fighter delivery deadlines. The lessons have not been learnt by the Marut aircraft limitations faced in the sixties.
Rajan Ugra, Bengaluru

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POSTS OF THE DAY

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The Congress is counting its final days...Even to carry the bier to cremation ground, four people are needed... Congress doesn't even have those four people...

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
If BJP folks and their associates find family so distasteful, they should declare that they won't take votes from any family, nor any donations from them.

Pawan Khera @Pawankhera
India's real innovators have been let down by "Reel Mantri," Ashwini Vaishnaw. Young entrepreneurs and technologists were sold false hope , all for yet another photo-op...

Rahman in office, gets India invite

Speaker conveys Modi's best wishes to BNP leader ● B'desh gets first male PM in 36 years

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

TARIQUE Rahman was sworn in as Bangladesh's prime minister on Tuesday after the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) won a landslide in the 2026 general elections in his historic elevation as the country's first male prime minister in 36 years ending a political era long dominated by rivals Sheikh Hasina and Khaleda Zia and marking a decisive transition after months of unrest and interim rule.

Representing India at the ceremony, Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla attended the swearing-in in Dhaka and later handed over a letter from Prime Minister Narendra Modi inviting Rahman to visit India. Rahman took the oath at the Jatiya Sangsad complex, where President Mohammed Shahabuddin administered the ceremony in the presence of senior political leaders, diplomats and foreign observers. "I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of prime minister of the government in accordance with the law," Rahman said in a televised address, pledging to steer the country towards stability and democratic consolidation.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman during talks in Dhaka, on Tuesday | EXPRESS

The BNP secured a commanding two-thirds majority in the February 12 polls, winning 209 seats with 49.97 per cent of the vote. The results, declared on February 13, were widely viewed as the first full national mandate since the political crisis that led to the exit of Hasina and the installation of an interim government led by Muhammad Yunus. Rahman's rise is also unprecedented in personal terms. He has never previously held public office, making this his first entry into government, including the cabinet, even during his party's earlier stints in power. In a signal of generational change, 17 ministers and 24 state ministers in the new administration are first-time office holders.

India moved quickly to underline continuity in bilateral ties despite the political transition. After attending the ceremony, Birla described the swearing-in as "an important moment" that would strengthen shared democratic values and people-to-people relations between the two neighbours. During a courtesy meeting with Rahman, he conveyed Modi's best wishes and formally extended the invitation to visit India.

"India stands ready to support Bangladesh's endeavours to build a democratic, progressive and inclusive nation," Birla said, signalling New Delhi's intent.

Puri had 62 email exchanges, 14 meetings with Epstein, says Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Congress on Tuesday alleged that there were 62 email exchanges between union minister Hardeep Singh Puri and convicted American sex offender Jeffrey Epstein and the minister also had 14 meetings with him between 2014 and 2017.

The opposition party also reiterated its demand that Puri must resign immediately.

Addressing a press conference, the Chairman of media and publicity department of Congress Pawan Khera questioned who Puri was representing and what discussion he had with Epstein? Puri has, however, denied all the charges levelled against him by the opposition party.

"Between 2014 and 2017, there were 62 email exchanges between Hardeep Puri and Epstein. Apart from that, what was discussed in the meetings on June 5, 6, 8 and 9, September 19, 23 and 24, and October 9 and 10 in 2014?. Puri wrote 32 emails while Epstein sent him 30 emails. There were 14 meetings, which began soon after Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to office in 2014, and went on till 2017. The question is - what position did Hardeep Puri hold in June 2014, and in what capacity did he meet Epstein?" Khera said.

The Epstein files are thousands of pages of documents related to two criminal investigations into sex trafficking by financier Jeffrey Epstein and his accomplice Ghislaine Maxwell, including travel logs, recordings, and emails, which have been a topic of conversation since Epstein died in custody in 2019.

Citing a recent interview of Puri, Khera said that the BJP leader spoke many "lies".

"Why was Hardeep Puri sharing government policies with Epstein in his capacity as an ordinary citizen? He should first resign and then clarify this matter. Hardeep Puri has proven himself wrong by telling one lie after another in his interview. Now the question is, who is Hardeep Puri trying to protect by telling so many lies?" he added.

The Congress leader also criticised the Centre referring to Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates' scheduled participation at the ongoing AI Impact Summit. "Government sources are saying Bill Gates will not come to the AI Summit, while Bill Gates himself is saying that I will come to the summit and deliver a speech," Khera said.

Khera criticises Gates' participation in AI summit

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SC flags 'growing' trend of lawyers using AI for drafting pleas

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

A Supreme Court bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant on Tuesday expressed serious concern over a growing trend of lawyers filing petitions drafted with Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools, which contain even non-existent judgments.

As India hosts the world's largest artificial intelligence conclave, the AI Impact Summit-2026, to make a big pitch for the new technology, the Supreme Court red-flagged its flip side.

'Absolutely uncalled for'

Chief Justice Surya Kant said, "We have been alarmingly told that some lawyers have started using AI for drafting. It is absolutely uncalled for". The other two judges in the bench were also unhappy over the use of AI in drafting petitions.

"We have been alarmingly told that some lawyers have started using AI for drafting. It is absolutely uncalled for," the CJI said, as he flagged the issue of growing use of AI in court filings without proper verification.

The other two judges in the bench—Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice B V Nagarathna—were also unhappy over the use of AI in drafting petitions. Justice Nagarathna pointed out that she recently came across a citation 'Mercy v. Mankind', which never existed. Echoing her, the CJI mentioned a similar instance that happened in Justice Dipankar Datta's court. "Not one, series of such judgments were cited," the CJI said.

Justice Nagarathna said, "This would be fine when and where the citation would be correct, but the fake quotes attributed to the judgment is a serious concern to the judges." She said that it created an additional burden on the part of judges.

Last week also, Justice Nagarathna had raised similar concerns about the practice of citing fake quotations. Justice Bagchi said, "Now-a-days, the legal drafting has suffered a setback, as the special leave petitions today often consist merely of quotations from judgments." Recalling about the past lawyers, he gave an example as to how earlier generation, like senior advocate Ashok Kumar Sen, was master in drafting, whose pleadings were precise, concise and original and believed to be some kind of great work.

The bench made the observations while hearing a PIL filed by academician Roop Rekha Verma seeking guidelines on political speeches. Recently, the Bombay High Court had imposed huge costs on a litigant for citing AI-generated fake citations during a hearing. The five-day artificial intelligence summit opened to packed halls and long queues on Monday, as tech moguls, industry leaders, policymakers, founders, and technologists thronged the Bharat Mandapam, where India is set to push for widening access to AI and seek international agreement on global AI commons.

At summit, G20-grade shield against attacks by foreign hackers

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE India AI Impact Summit 2026 is facing sustained cyber threats from foreign-based attackers, triggering a high-level security alert across Indian agencies tasked with protecting the high-profile global event in the country.

A senior cyber security official, overseeing summit operations, said that a "G20-grade" multi-layered cyber shield has been activated and this would remain in force until the conclusion of the summit on February 20.

According to the official, the enhanced security architecture has been put in place following intelligence inputs warning of coordinated digital attacks targeting government infrastructure and summit-related systems.

The officials said, one of the most serious emerging threats involves the misuse of social media platforms and deepfake technology to fabricate or manipulate statements by world leaders attending the summit.

Authorities holding the summit fear such disinformation could spread in no time, potentially disrupting diplomatic engagements and public discourse. "Cyber monitoring teams are maintaining round-the-clock surveillance of online platforms to detect and neutralise any such campaigns linked to the event, which began on February 16," a senior officer said.

Security agencies have also warned that government websites remain vulnerable to "watering hole" attacks, a tactic in which hackers compromise trusted websites to silently deploy malware to visitors.

The officials said summit communications infrastructure including session and token hijacking, rogue "Evil Twin" WiFi hotspots designed to mimic legitimate networks and targeted data theft attempts aimed at delegates and associated social media accounts.

Intelligence inputs further suggest that cybercriminal groups are preparing ransomware attacks against critical infrastructure, alongside distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) assaults intended to overwhelm digital public platforms and disrupt essential services.

Investigators are also bracing for high-powered brute-force intrusions leveraging advanced computing capabilities to target routers, switches and video conferencing hardware used during the summit, the officials noted.

In addition, agencies have also flagged the risk of infected USB storage devices being deployed to infiltrate systems.

4K AI CAMS, 15K SCEURITY PERSONNEL

More than 4,000 AI-enabled cameras and over 15,000 security personnel have been deployed to maintain discreet surveillance on suspected troublemakers during the ongoing India AI Impact Summit 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, a senior Delhi Police officer said on Tuesday. The summit, held from February 16 to 20, is witnessing participation from world leaders, representatives of major technology firms and delegates from around 45 countries.

Bihar aims to become electronics and AI hub, signs MoUs worth ₹468 cr: Chief secy

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

BIHAR has been taking strides to become an electronic manufacturing hub, with the state setting up one of the largest pavilions at the India AI Impact Summit and Expo 2026. During the meet, Bihar signed MoUs with tech firms, involving investments worth ₹468 crore.

Bihar Chief Secretary Pratyaya Amrit said that one of the biggest strengths of the state is young population, with more than 58% of people are below 30 years. This demographic advantage is being leveraged to shape policies that create jobs and encourage young people to stay in the state, he said. "The government has focused on building an AI-enabled ecosystem, introduced a semiconductor policy and a Global Capability Centre policy," Amrit said.

In the field of AI, significant progress has been made in the last one and a half months, including the establishment of one of India's largest Centres of Excellence at IIT Patna, in partnership with Tiger Analytics, he said.

Speaking about Bihar's tech graduates working in the US, UK, or Bengaluru, Amrit said government's primary goal is to create employment and encourage people to return to Bihar. "Nearly 40 lakh people come back to the state regularly, and this strong connection is one of our biggest strengths. For instance, our industry partner, Tiger Analytics, a ₹8,000 crore company in the US, has many leaders originally from Bihar. Under our GCC policy, the first promoter has planned to hire 2,000 employees. As more companies set up operations in the state, more professionals are expected to return," he said.

"Under the semiconductor policy, the state offers land incentives, support for electronics component manufacturing, and financial reimbursements."

TECH Talk

WOMEN HOLD JUST 16% OF AI RESEARCH ROLES: UN

Women make up just 30% of artificial intelligence professionals globally and hold only 16% of research roles, UN Women said on Tuesday, warning the gender gap is hardwiring bias into one of the world's most transformative technologies. UN Women Regional Director for Asia Pacific Christine Arab said the underrepresentation of women in AI is creating a systemic "design gap" with far-reaching consequences. "When women are missing from design tables, test labs, term sheets and bias doesn't emerge by accident. It becomes the default," Arab said, cautioning that fewer women building AI systems means fewer tools that reflect women's lived realities. Arab, however, singled out India for taking steps to address the gender divide in emerging technologies.

'AI IN EDU AND EDU IN AI ARE INTERTWINED'

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday called upon students to harness artificial intelligence to educate, embrace, empower, and create initiatives. Taking part in a special session, 'Ministry of Education—Pushing the Frontier of AI in India', he said, "Artificial intelligence in education and education in AI are intertwined." Highlighting rapid technological progress, Pradhan stated that the world is increasingly looking at India as the nation embraces AI at a remarkable pace. He expressed confidence that AI would play a transformative role in driving India towards becoming a global knowledge superpower." MoS for Education, Jayant Choudhury, said, "The education ministry has laid the foundations for AI-enabled education."

MISMANAGEMENT, CHAOS AT MEET, SAYS KHARGE

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday alleged that the chaos and mismanagement at the ongoing AI Impact Summit being held in New Delhi had caused 'global embarrassment' to the country due to the incompetence of the Government. He said that the event had reportedly turned into utter chaos and rank mismanagement by this "PR hungry" government otherwise it could be a showpiece. "What could have been a showpiece AI Summit for the entire world, demonstrating the digital and AI capabilities of India, has reportedly turned into utter chaos and rank mismanagement by this 'PR hungry' government!" he said on X. He alleged that founders, exhibitors and visitors had to face distress due to the PM "gatecrashing" for a "photo opportunity".

AI-driven tools can make drug discovery cost-effective: Nadda

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

AI-driven tools can accelerate drug discovery, shorten research timelines, and make research processes more cost-effective, thereby strengthening affordable healthcare delivery, said Union Health and Family Welfare Minister JP Nadda on Tuesday.

"AI does not operate in isolation, but thrives on strong digital infrastructure and high-quality data," said Nadda as he launched two pioneering digital health initiatives - SAHI (Secure AI for Health Initiative) and BODH (Benchmarking Open Data Platform for Health AI) during the ongoing India AI Impact Summit 2026.

'SAHI provides structured framework for collaboration'

Nadda referred to the launch of SAHI, describing it as not merely a technology strategy but a governance framework, and national roadmap for the responsible use of AI in healthcare. He said SAHI will guide India in leveraging AI in a manner that is ethical, transparent, accountable, and people-centric. Emphasising that SAHI provides a structured framework for collaboration, he said, it ensures that innovation flourishes while public interest remains paramount.

The launch marks a significant milestone in advancing safe, ethical, and evidence-based deployment of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in India's healthcare ecosystem, he said.

He underlined the transformative potential of AI in pharmaceuticals and life sciences. Nadda said that India recognised it early and began laying its digital foundations nearly a decade ago.

In 2015, the government launched the Digital India programme to transform India into a digitally empowered society, he said.

"Interoperable systems have been enabled across platforms, and large-scale, consent-based health data frameworks are being developed to empower citizens while ensuring data privacy and security," he said.

OLD IS GOLD
At 78, Sushma Moghe secured the gold medal in Devi Ahilya University's MA course in Marathi, which she pursued after retirement. Moghe was awarded a gold medal for topping the merit list.

1 DEAD | 2 CRITICAL AFTER A SOCIAL MEDIA SCUFFLE

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	19	Mumbai	28	22
Bhopal	32	32	Panaji	29	21
Jaipur	25	16	Patna	30	13
Amritsar	26	11	Lucknow	29	14
Chennai	31	21	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	30	18	Imphal	31	07
Srinagar	13	02	Chandigarh	26	16

Law Minister says J&K will soon hear about a decision in this regard

Meghwal raises hope for statehood restoration

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

BENGALURU

Union minister Arjun Ram Meghwal with CM Omar Abdullah in Srinagar | PTI

UNION Minister of State for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal on Tuesday hinted at restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir by saying "you will soon hear about a decision in this regard", prompting a response from Chief Minister Omar Abdullah who said he hoped that the wait is not long.

"The issue of Jammu and Kashmir statehood is very sensitive," Meghwal told reporters in Srinagar on the sidelines of a regional workshop on telelaw. "Our Home Minister Amit Shah has already assured in the Lok Sabha that the statehood will be restored to J&K. That right will be given to J&K but there is a process for it," the minister said. Hinting at early restoration of statehood, Meghwal said, "I feel you will soon get to hear about a decision in this regard."

After abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation and downgrading of erstwhile J&K state into two UTs—Jammu and Kashmir (with legislature) and Ladakh (without legislature)—by the Centre, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Shah have repeatedly assured that the statehood to J&K would be restored at appropriate time.

Chief Minister Abdullah, who has been vocal about the issue since assuming office in October 2024, told reporters that the process of restoration of statehood has taken longer than expected. "We were hoping that it would have been restored by now but we did not get it. We have not given up the hope," he said. "We are continuously in touch with the central government on the issue," the CM added.

Omar said he heard the union minister Meghwal saying that J&K would soon hear good news. "We have been waiting for this good news for the last one and a half years. We hope that we won't have to wait much longer," Omar said. "None of us will be satisfied till statehood is restored," the CM said.

After taking over reins of the government in October 2024 following victory in the first Assembly polls in J&K UT, Omar in the first cabinet meeting passed a resolution on restoration of statehood to J&K. He later handed over copies of the resolution to Modi, Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and other central leaders and urged them for early restoration of statehood.

2 separate norms for SIR in Bihar, Bengal: Mamata

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

WEST Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday stepped up her attacks against the Election Commission of India (ECI) for showing a discriminatory attitude in connection with the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state.

The CM, during a press conference at the state secretariat Nabanna this afternoon alleged that documents considered valid for SIR in the BJP-led NDA-ruled Bihar was invalid in Bengal. "Why two separate rules in Bihar and Bengal for the same SIR process? Documents like family registers are valid in Bihar but not in Bengal. Buy why?," asked Mamata, while calling the Commission "capture commission" and "commission run in Md Bin Tughlaque style".

She also alleged that the national poll panel is not following the directives of the Supreme Court where she had filed a petition against the SIR drive in Bengal.

Reacting to the EC's decision to suspend seven poll officials she said, "We will promote them whom they (ECI) demote. They were suspended without getting a chance to defend themselves. They will work well in districts".

UP minister, EC agree to disagree on irregularities in Varanasi list revision

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

A political controversy erupted in Uttar Pradesh after state minister Ravindra Jaiswal, alleged large-scale irregularities in the voter list revision process in Varanasi, claiming that nearly one lakh names had been from his assembly segment. The Election Commission of India (ECI), however, rejected the claim following preliminary verification.

Jaiswal, at a press conference in Varanasi on February 12, claimed that married women aged between 30 and 40 were registered under their father's names and that some voters were listed two to three times across different booths with identical details.

He questioned the ongoing SIR of electoral rolls. Calling it a "major irregularity", the minister who represents Varanasi North Assembly segment, submitted a memorandum to District Magistrate Satyendra Kumar, demanding a comprehensive review.

Amid mounting political pressure, UP Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Navdeep Rinwa visited Varanasi and said that the list of allegedly fake or duplicate voters provided by the minister had been examined.

"In the first phase of verification, around 4,500 voters were checked. Only nine were found to be duplicate," Rinwa said.

According to officials, a total of 9,000 names had been submitted for scrutiny. Most discrepancies found were attributed to double form submissions or technical overlaps rather than deliberate fraud. The CEO maintained that there was no evidence of any organised attempt to tamper with the voter list.

Elaborating on the scale of ongoing voter list revision across the state, Rinwa said in the draft list published on January 6, notices were being issued to a total of 3.26 crore voters identified under two categories—1.04 crore under 'No Mapping' and 2.22 crore under 'Logical Inconsistencies'.

While 'No Mapping' refers to cases where a voter's name exists in the current electoral roll but cannot be matched with records from 2002 or 2005, the, 'Logical inconsistencies' include discrepancies such as the same individual being registered at multiple locations.

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Six Bangladeshis overstaying visas held

Park Street police has arrested six Bangladeshi nationals for overstaying their visas in Kolkata. The accused have been identified as: Abir Hossain Ragbi, Md Mamur Rashid, Md Alimul Rajib, Azim Mollah, Foizul Amin and Zahidul Islam. On Monday, they were produced before the CJM court, which remanded them to jail custody till February 27. Sources said the accused had arrived on valid documents but overstayed. Lawyer of the Legal Aid Defense fought the case for the accused as they didn't have lawyers. They had a plan to visit to Portugal through India on a business purpose but their plan could not materialise.

Bangladeshi among two held in Kolkata

Two people, including a Bangladeshi national Humayn Kabir, were arrested for allegedly kidnapping two Bangladeshis. The two were promised valid passports and visas to Turkistan. Rajib Laskar and Junaid Miaan had come to Kolkata few days ago with plans of visiting Turkistan via India. Kabir introduced the two to Achintyakumar, sources said. Both Rajib and Junaid were taken to a hideout in the city by Achintyakumar and Humayun and assured of valid passports. They then contacted the victims' families and demanded ₹3 lakh as ransom which they got. On a tip-off, the Technocity police station raided a hotel and rescued the two victims.

Diarrhoea outbreak in New Town housings

Residents of E Block in the Shapoorji Pallonji housing complex at New Town fell ill with symptoms of gastroenteritis. The affected feared that contaminated water supply might have led to infections. On Monday, they also staged demonstration in front of the housing authorities demanding them to stop supply of contaminated water. They also alleged that water reservoirs and tanks are not properly maintained. Water sample has been sent to the laboratory of the state public health and engineering department for contamination confirmatory test. The official said that cleaning and purification operations are on.

Raids in Raj Jal Jeevan Mission scam, 9 nabbed

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

NINE people, including a Chief Engineer, have been arrested in the alleged ₹900 crore scam linked to the Jal Jeevan Mission, triggering one of the largest anti-corruption crackdowns in Rajasthan in recent years.

The arrests came soon after the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) conducted simultaneous raids at 15 locations across multiple states on Tuesday.

Based on inputs, nearly one and a half dozen ACB teams carried out early-morning searches in Jaipur, Barmer, Sikar, Jalore, Udaipur, Karauli and Delhi, besides locations in Bihar and Jharkhand. The operation sent shockwaves through the state's administrative and political circles.

Among those arrested are Dinesh Goyal, currently Chief Engineer (Administration), and KD Gupta, Chief Engineer (Rural), along with seven others, including contractors and associated individuals. Retired senior IAS officer Subodh Agarwal has also come under the scanner, with ACB officials searching his residence.

The investigation revealed that M/s Shri Ganpati Tubewell Company, owned by Mahesh Mittal, and M/s Shri Shyam Tubewell Company, owned by Padmachand Jain, allegedly forged completion certificates in the name of IRCON International Ltd.

Bhagwat bats for at least 3 kids per Hindu family, reconversion to Hinduism

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

REITERATING his stand on Hinduism, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, on Tuesday, gave a call to intensify the efforts towards "ghar wapsi" (reconversion to Hinduism), and also advocated for a three children norm for Hindu families.

The RSS chief sought support and care for those who opt for returning to the Hindu fold while addressing a social harmony meeting at Saraswati Shishu Mandir in Nirala Nagar, here on Tuesday.

The RSS chief cautioned the Hindu society to be more alert and vigilant while asserting that the community required to become more organised and empowered. Though there was "no threat" to the community as it is but it should remain "vigilant," said Bhagwat.

He expressed concern over "the declining population of Hindus", while highlighting instances of forced or inducement-based religious conversions.

The RSS chief batted for at least three children per Hindu family. He cited the scientists to claim that societies with an average fertility rate below three children per family suffered the risk eventual decline.

Noting that the message to have at least three children should be communicated to newly-married couples, Bhagwat said that the institution of marriage should be considered as a means to sustain creation and not merely for the fulfilment of desire.

Highlighting the issue of illegal infiltration, Bhagwat said infiltrators should be "detected and deported". "They should not be provided employment," he stated. Stressing the need for strengthening social harmony, Bhagwat said that discrimination arises when harmony is absent. "We are all children of one nation and one motherland," he said while claiming that Sanatan philosophy promoted harmony and unity.

He also cautioned against what he described as efforts by certain groups based in countries such as the US and China to disrupt India's social harmony. He called for vigilance and greater trust among citizens.

Former Assam Cong chief Borah to join BJP on Feb 22

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

FORMER Assam Congress president Bhupen Kumar Borah will join the ruling BJP on February 22. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced this after visiting Borah's Guwahati residence and holding a discussion with him on Tuesday evening, putting an end to the suspense over whether Borah would withdraw his resignation.

Addressing media persons in Borah's presence, Sarma said, "I am happy to inform you that Bhupen Borah will formally join the BJP on February 22. Along with him, a good number of Congress leaders will join the BJP in Guwahati and Lakhimpur." Sarma also stated that the BJP would give respect and dignity to Borah who was the "last recognised Hindu leader in the Congress." He added that joining the BJP would be homecoming for Borah as he would get to work with several of his former colleagues. "We want him to contest from a safe seat from the BJP's perspective. I will sit with him tomorrow for a threadbare discussion," the CM said.

He claimed that the Congress in Assam is no longer a party of mainstream Assamese people and that it is left with very few Hindu leaders. "When a leader leaves a party after serving it for 32 years, the party should address the reasons.

The problem with the Congress is that it does not address issues," Sarma said.

Earlier, Sarma claimed that then Congress president Sonia Gandhi had asked him to decide on the date of his swearing-in as CM in 2014, but the party's decision changed when Rahul Gandhi intervened from the US.

This was a phase when Sarma raised the banner of revolt against then CM Tarun Gogoi. The Congress had rushed Mallikarjun Kharge to Assam to tackle dissidence. "When Mallikarjun Kharge came, 58 MLAs backed me for the CM's post.

Several senior leaders remained neutral," Sarma said. "Sonia Gandhi called me to her residence and asked me to decide on the date of my swearing-in. I had told madam that I would take oath the day after Ambubachi Mela. Later, we learnt that Rahul Gandhi, who was in America, called up and the decision of the Congress changed," Sarma said.

"Justice was not delivered. There are many witnesses. But it was due to the blessings of Maa Kamakhya and (saint-reformer) Sankardeva that it did not happen then. I would have carried a blot forever if I had become a Congress CM. I could not have worked for Sanatan and the Assamese," Sarma said.

'Sonia offered me CM post, Rahul call changed it'

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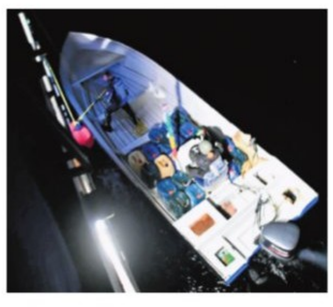
Gujarat ATS, Coast Guard foil mid-sea smuggling bid, seize 200kg chemicals

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad



A high-stakes midnight chase unfolded off the Porbandar coast as the Indian Coast Guard and Gujarat ATS intercepted an Iranian speed boat near the IMBL, seizing over 200 kg of suspected narcotics chemicals and arresting two Iranian nationals before the consignment could reach Punjab.

Based on a tip-off, the ship picked up a suspicious foreign fishing boat on radar whose evasive movement patterns raised immediate red flags. As the suspect crew sensed enforcement presence, the boat accelerated towards the IMBL—an attempt to slip beyond jurisdiction.

The Coast Guard responded with a high-speed pursuit, eventually cornering and halting the fleeing vessel in open waters. Inside the Iranian-made speed boat, officers found two men Abdul Majeed and Abdul Sattar, Balochi-speaking Iranian nationals from Chabahar allegedly ferrying around 203 kg of suspicious chemical material packed in 203 sealed packets.

Investigators said the consignment was loaded at Iran's Konark port by an alleged smuggler identified as Haji Fida and was to be transferred mid-sea to an Indian contact for onward routing to Punjab.

The joint operation had been set in motion the previous night after a crucial tip-off reached ATS, prompting immediate mobilisation and maritime coordination.

Gujarat ATS DIG Sunil Joshi highlighted the rarity of such a delivery attempt via speed boat a high-risk method chosen to outrun patrol grids leading to the deployment of a specialised unit to Porbandar and the laying of a precise maritime interception trap along the anticipated entry route.

The intercepted craft, stocked with extra diesel, food, and survival supplies for three to four days, indicated a carefully planned cross-border infiltration. During the search, intelligence agencies officers seized mobile phones from the accused, now under forensic examination to decode contact chains, delivery instructions, and possible Punjab-based handlers.

Bullock cart race back in Punjab rural olympics

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Kila Raipur Rural Olympics-2026 kicked off in Ludhiana on Tuesday, marking the revival of iconic bullock cart races after a 12-year hiatus. This year's edition of the festival, running until February 19, also features traditional sports, such as kabaddi, hockey, athletics, cycling, and tug-of-war.

"71 bullock cart owners from across the state have registered to take part in the event. Groups of four each have been formed for the races. After elimination rounds, the final will be held," Kila Raipur Sports Society (Patti Suhavia) president Surinder Singh Grewal told this newspaper. "Instructions issued by the Punjab animal husbandry director and the district administration are being followed during the races. Medical teams examined the animals at the start of the race. Organisers will ensure no cruelty to the animals," Grewal added.

Bullock cart races were banned in 2014 following the Supreme Court directions, dealing a blow to the popularity of the rural sports festival and reducing tourist footfall.

Inaugurating the event, Punjab agriculture minister Gurmeet Singh Khuddian highlighted the cultural significance of the races, noting their strong connection to the state's historical and rural roots. He credited CM Bhagwant Singh Mann for making the revival possible through the enactment of the Punjab Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Punjab Amendment) Act, 2025, which introduced safety standards for the animals and addressed legal obstacles.

The minister expressed optimism that the Kila Raipur Rural Olympics will continue to play a key role in fostering a strong sports culture across Punjab and bringing to limelight hidden talent from every corner of the state. Khuddian highlighted the government's commitment to supporting athletes, noting that cash awards have been increased for those securing medals at the Olympics and other major international competitions. "Additionally, Olympic medal winners have been provided prestigious government jobs in the Punjab Civil Services and Punjab Police Services," he said. The minister announced an allocation of ₹30 lakh for the veterinary hospital to ensure high-quality medical services for livestock in the region.

Khuddian said the government has provided nearly 64,000 government jobs on merit basis by ensuring transparency.

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—Surinder Singh Grewal, Kila Raipur Sports Society president

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF XXXVIII ADDL.CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BENGALURU
P&SC No.153/2020 (CCH-39)

BETWEEN: MRS. SAKTHI ISWARYA & ANR W/O Late G T Ramesh Babu, R/A: 110/1, Flat No. 305, 3rd Floor, Sneha Enclave, 2nd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043. **PETITIONERS**
AND: MR. THANGAVEL. N R/A: #2b, 1st Floor, Bharathi Street, Siva Dental Clinic, Near Eb Cash Counter, Gobichettypalayam, Tamil Nadu -638453 **...RESPONDENT NO.1**
MRS. DHANALAKSHMI THANGAVEL R/A: #2b, 1st Floor, Bharathi Street, Siva Dental Clinic, Near Eb Cash Counter, Gobichettypalayam, Tamil Nadu -638453 **RESPONDENT NO.2**

NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC/RELATIVES

Whereas the petitioners Ms. Sakthi Iswarya and Master. Atul Veer, have filed the above petition seeking for a succession certificate of the below mentioned schedule. This notice is hereby issued to the general public regarding the institution of this petition. If any person has any objection to the grant of permission to the petitioner for grant of the Succession certificate, then he/she should appear in the court on 26/03/2026 at 11:00 am either in person or through an advocate for filing of objections, failing which the petition shall be decided in accordance with law. Late G.T Ramesh Babu died on 05/03/2020 who is the husband of Mrs. Sakthi Ishwarya (petitioner).

SCHEDULE

Petition for granting Succession Certificate i.e, the Employer (PF UAN No. 100305544843), Employee Insurance, Gratuity, Salary Account maintained with the Kotak Mahindra Bank bearing Account No. 9011470079 and other Employment benefits that are recoverable.
Issued under my hand and seal of this Court on this day 12th of Feb 2026.

By Order of the Court
Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru
ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONER:
REDDY'S LAW CHAMBERS LLP
G-30-31, Brigade Gardens, Church Street, Ashoknagar, Bangalore 560001 Ph: 9900055775, 080-41464999

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL, AT BENGALURU
G & WC NO. 26/2026

BETWEEN : 1. Miss. Adira Srirag Aged about 9 years, D/o Srirag Jayaraman
2. Mr. Srirag Jayaraman Ages about 39 years S/o P Jayaraman Both Residing at : Falt No. C 2702, Club Meadows, House of Hiranandani, DLF Main Road,Opp. Village Supermarket, Akshayanagar, Bangalore South, Bengaluru -560 068 **...PETITIONERS**
AND : NIL **...RESPONDENTS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the above-named Petitioners have instituted the present Petition under Section 29 read with Section 31 of the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890, seeking the leave of this Hon'ble Court to sell Petitioner No.1's 1/4th share in the undivided right, title, and interest in the Schedule Property and permitting the Petitioner No.2 to execute and registered sale deed on her behalf.
Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before II Addl. Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural District court, either in person or by pleaders, on **10-03-2026 at 11 A.M.,** to show cause against the petitioners. Failing, wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the vacant Site No. 95 having EPID no. 8727191930 measuring on the East 25' 11", West 37' 11", North 46' 3" and South 48' 3" totally admeasuring 1508sqft in a private layout known as "EAGLE RIDGE", Kammanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded as follows:
East by : Site No. 30, **West by :** remaining portion of Site No. 95, **North by :** Road,
South by : Road,
Given under my hand and seal of the court on 16/2/26

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Senior Civil Judge Court
Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru

ADDRESS OF THE ADVOCATE
Mr. Amit A Mandgi, Advocate,
Mandgi Associates,
No.10/7/1, Kumara Krupa Road, High Grounds, Near Sindhi School, Bangalore - 560001

Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd.

Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
30	CE / IT-RAPDRP	Annual Maintenance Support for the existing SAP S4 HANA ERP Software and Automation

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / Opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit the websites **www.tnpdcl.org, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in**
DIPR/1159/Tender/2026

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PHED
CIRLCE SAWAI MADHOPUR
(Ph 07462-220062) e-mail - sephed_swm@rediffmail.com

No.SE/PH/SWM/2025-26/NIT/6977-86 Date : 06.02.2026

Notice Inviting Tender (e-NIT No. 12 to 14/2025-26)

On behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan Online Tenders are hereby invited from eligible bidders for following works as per criteria mentioned in the detailed NIT / Tender documents available on website **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, "www.rajwater.gov.in", "http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.** Tenders are to be submitted online in electronic format on website **"http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in"** as per prescribed schedule.

NIB	PHE2526A6310		
UBN No.	PHE2526WSRC13550	PHE2526WSRC13552	PHE2526WSRC13554

Sd/- (B.S. Meena)
Superintending Engineer
PHED Circle Sawai Madhopur
DIPR/C/3017/2026

THE NEHRUNAGAR CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Nagarabhavi Branch, No.587, 2nd A Main Road, 11th Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Near Papareddy Palya Circle, Bangalore – 560072.

POSSESSION NOTICE (IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Rule 8 (1))

The under signed being the Authorized officer of The Nehrunagar Co-Operative Bank Limited, N0.172, 1st Main Road, Seshadripuram, Bangalore-560020, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated 29.09.2025 to the borrower **Sri. Mohamed Younus** S/o Late. Mohamed Akbar calling upon to repay the loan amount of **Rs.37,43,341/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Three Hundred and Forty One only) as on 29.09.2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice. The borrower Sri.Mohamed Younus S/o Late.Mohamed Akbar having failed to repay the entire loan amount in spite of notice is hereby given to him. Hence, this is inform to borrower and the public general that, the under signed has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Nehrunagar Co-Operative Bank Limited, Nagarabhavi Branch, No.587, 2nd A Main Road, 11th Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Near Papareddy Palya Circle, Bangalore – 560072.

Borrower Name: Sri.Mohamed Younus S/o Late.Mohamed Akbar, Immovable Property Loan Account No.301200000136 and 301200000140. Demand Notice dated 29.09.2025. **Total Amount Due: Rs.36,03,023/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs three Thousand twenty three only) as on 16.02.2026.**

Description of Immovable property: All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing New No.8/1, Situated at 2nd main road, Padarayanapura, Bangalore, now comes under the BBMP limits, BBMP old Ward No.43 and New Ward No. 136, PID No.43-114-8/1, previously beside 3rd main Road, Padarayana Pura, Mysore Road, Bangalore, Bangalore City Corporation Division No.23
Measuring As: East to West 25 feets and North to South 50 feets
Bounded on: **East by:** School Road. **West by :** Remaining portion of the same property. **North by:** Road. **South by:** Conservancy Lane.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 17-02-2026

Authorized Officer
THE NEHRUNAGAR CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, 1ನೇ ವಿಭಾಗ
ನಂ.55, ನೆಲಮಹಡಿ, ಅಭಯ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ ಭವನ, ರಿಸಲ್ದಾರ್‌ರಸ್ತೆ,
ಶೇಷಾದ್ರಿಪುರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560020

No.KSDB/EE/No 1.div/S.T/PB/IFT-18/2025-26/840 Date:13.02.2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ 1ನೇ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 04 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ- 3 & 4) ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ, ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂಬರ್ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

01. KSDB/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT424
02. KSDB/2025-26/OW/WORK INDENT425
03. KSDB/2025-26/OW/WORK INDENT426
04. KSDB/2025-26/OW/WORK INDENT427

1. Last date & time for receipt of Tenders: **Dt: 21.02.2026 upto 04.00 PM**
2. Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid Date:-**24.02.2026 at 11.00 AM.**

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, 1ನೇ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಥವಾ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ನಂ.1ನೇ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಕೊಅಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

DIPR/CP/5683/Zen/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that, our client has agreed to take on long term lease the Schedule property, from its owners namely, **(1) Smt. GAYATHIRI A. PATEL**, W/o Sri.Amrut P Patel, residing at: No.319, Defence Colony, Behind Patel Timber, Hesaraghatta Road, Bengaluru - 560073; **(2) Smt. G.R.ANNAPOORNA**, W/o Sri. G. Rajkumar, residing at: No,18, "Sri Seshasai Nilaya", 1st Main, 2nd Stage, R.K. Layout, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore - 560070; **(3) Smt. G.S. PRIYA**, W/o Sri. G.P. Srinivas, residing at: No.108, "Padmalaya", 1st Cross, Adithya Layout, Ideal homes, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore - 560098; and **(4) Smt. UGMA BAI**, W/o Sri. G. Natharam, residing at: No.34/1, Mataji Sanitary & Hardwares, Kariyappa Road, Yediyur Lake, Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560004.

Apart from the said owners, if any person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, are hereby called upon to file their objection/s or claims with the undersigned (along with the photocopies of the documents based on which they rely for asserting their rights), **within 14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No.1264/1247/2/22/54/2/54/3 (old Khatha No.1264/1247/2/3/22/54/2/54/3), having New EPID No.1070725519, for land admeasuring 1556.5 Sq.mtr i.e., 16754.38 Sq.ft., along with entire Standalone Building comprising of (i) Ground floor measuring 8,980 Sq.ft., (ii) First floor measuring 8,830 Sq.ft., (iii) Second floor measuring 8,830 Sq.ft., (iv) Third floor measuring 8,830 Sq.ft., admeasuring in aggregate 35,470 Sq.ft., (outer wall to outer wall) along with the entire Basement and entire terrace above third floor, situated at Channasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.160-Rajarajeswarinagar and bounded on the:

North by : Kengeri Uttarahalli Road,
South by : Private Property,
West by : Road,
East by : Private Property.

Sd/- S.F.Goutam Chand
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bengaluru – 560 004

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Management Branch,(SAMB) Bengaluru

Authorised Officer's Details:
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Asst. General Manager (CLO -2)
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Mobile No: +91 9148103793
Land Line No. (Office): 080 -25943474
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Address of the Branch:
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Contact: Sri. M N Soma Sundar,
Mb: +91 9448978215
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"APPENDIX- II-A and IV-A"
[See proviso to rule 8(6) and 9(1)]
E AUCTION SALE ON 25.03.2026
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset (excluding movable assets, if any,lying in the premises) under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantors /Mortgagors that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **25.03.2026** for recovery of **Rs. 61915421.00** (Rupees Six Crore Ninteen Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-One only) in respect of M/s Unifi Media and **Rs. 75006458.00** (Rupees Seven Crore Fifty Lakhs Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight only) in respect of **M/s Unifi Media Pvt Ltd** with a grand total amount of **Rs. 13,69,21,879.00** (Rupees Thirteen Crores Sixty Nine Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Nine Only) as on 12.02.2026 and further interest at contractual rate from 13.02.2026 with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc., due to the State Bank of India from Borrowers **M/s. Unifi Media** having Registered Office at No 81, Madhu Arts Studio Complex, Chikkalasandra, Bengaluru-560061 & **M/s Unifi Media Pvt Ltd** having registered office at No. 235, 11th Main, AGS Layout, Arehalli, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru 560061 and administrative office at No. 64/1, Krishna Towers, 2nd Floor, Chikkalasandra, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bengaluru-560061, and the Directors/Guarantors/Mortgagers, **Shri Udayaravi Hegde** S/o Shri Shivaram Hegde and **Smt. Chandrika Hegde** W/o Shri Udayaravi Hegde, both residing at No. 235, 11th Main, AGS Layout, Arehalli, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-560061 and **Smt. Anasooya Hegde** D/o Shri Gajanana Hegde, residing at No. 525 Prashantha Nilaya 2nd Floor 4th cross,2nd main AGS layout Bangalore south Subramanyapura, Bengaluru-560061.
The reserve price, earnest money deposit (EMD), bid increment amount, time & date of e-Auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for the immovable assets will be as under

Sl. No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time and Date of e-auction	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC Documents
1.	Rs.3,25,00,000/-	Rs.32,50,000/-	Rs.1,00,000/-	04:00 p.m. on **25.03.2026** with unlimited extension of ten minutes for each bid, if bidding continues, till the sale is concluded.	**25.03.2026 upto 3.00 p.m.**

DESCRIPTION OF MOVABLE ASSETS

Tender No. SBIN200070140064
IMMOVABLE PROPERTY NO-1: All that piece and parcel of immovable residential building bearing Site No.235, Intermediate, Present BBMP Khatha No.235/235, in the BDA approved Layout formed by the Accountant General's Office Co-operative Housing Society Limited, in Survey Nos. 6/1, 30, 32, 33, 34, 37 and 38, situated at Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and now comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Uttarahalli Ward No 184 of A.G.S. Layout, Bangalore and the site measuring East 30 feet, West 30 North 40 feet and South 40 feet in all measuring 1200 Sq. feet vide Amalgamation Deed dated 17.11.2014 executed by Shri Udayaravi Hegde S/o Shri Shivaram Hegde and Smt. Anasooya Hegde D/o Shri Gajanana Hegde and registered as Document No. BSK –1 -10284.2014-15 at the Office of the Sub Registrar, Basavanagudi (Banashankari) along with a total built up area of 3825sqft consisting ground floor(stilt floor) measuring 825sqft, first floor measuring 950sqft, second floor measuring 950sqft, third floor measuring 950 sqft, fourth floor (terrace floor) measuring 150sqft and bounded as follows. East by : Site No.250, West by : Road, North by : Site No.236, South by : Site No.234
Reserve Price: Rs. 3,25,00,000/-

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER "SARFAESI" ACT, 2002.

The Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors are hereby noticed to pay the sum of Rs. 13,69,21,879.00 (Rupees Thirteen Crores Sixty Nine Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Nine Only) as on 12.02.2026 and further interest at contractual rate from 13.02.2026 with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc., within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditors represented by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, SAMB, Bengaluru i.e., (1) www.baanknet.com, (2) www.sbi.bank.in

Sd/- Authorized Officer,
State Bank of India,
Stressed Asset Management Branch, Bengaluru

Date: 16.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Karnataka Bank Ltd.

Your Family Bank. Across India.

Asset Recovery Management Branch,
1st Floor, FKCCI Building, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru-560009.
Phone: 080-22955928(Gen)/22955929(AGM), E-Mail: blr.arm@ktkbank.com
Website: https://karnatakabank.com
CIN: L85110KA1924PLC001128

MEGA PUBLIC E-AUCTION

NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ON 09.03.2026

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is"and "As is what is" basis on 09.03.2026** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**
The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **08.03.2026 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) M/s Vandana Sky Wards Represented by its Managing Partners, Mr. Sudhakar T and Mr. Kumar T,** Addressed at : Sy. No.153/2 & 153/3, Dodda Thogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560102, **(2) Mr. Sudhakar T,** S/o Late. T Bhaskar Chowdary, Addressed at : No.406, Vandana Primerose, 3rd Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102, **(3) Mr.T.Kumar** S/o Late Kondama Naidu, Addressed at : No.32, 15th Cross, Ashok Nagar, 1st Stage, Bengaluru- 560050, **(4) Mrs. Suneetha T,** W/o Mr. T Sudhakar, Addressed at : No.406, Vandana Primerose, 3rd Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102 **(5) Mrs. Premala T** W/o Mr. Kumar T, Addressed at : No.32, 15th Cross, Ashok Nagar, 1st Stage, Bengaluru- 560050 **(6) Ms. Bhavana T** D/o Mr.T Sudhakar Addressed at : No.406, Vandana Primerose, 3rd Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102, **(7) Mrs. Rajitha T** W/o Mr. Thulasi Babu K R Addressed at : No.32, 15th Cross, Ashok Nagar, 1st Stage, Bengaluru- 560050, **(8) Mrs. Mamatha T** W/o Mr. Kumar Raja Addressed at : No.116/2, SVM Paradise, Flat No.2E, Nagappa Reddy Layout, 9th Cross, B Narayanapura Extension, Bengaluru-560016 **(9) Mrs. Aruna S** W/o Mr. Sathishkumar M, Addressed at: No.90, Vinayaka Nilaya, SBM Cross, Road, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bengaluru-560061. **Loan A/c Nos.: TL A/c No.0907001600526201**	**Rs.20,17,25,108.92 [Rupees Twenty Crore Seventeen Lakh Twenty Five Thousand One Hundred Eight and Paisa Ninety Two Only] 11.02.2026 Future Interest From + Costs**	**18.12.2024 Constructive**	Item No.1] : All that part and parcel of the **residential apartment bearing Flat No.001,** situated in the Ground Floor of the Apartment building known as **"Sri Vandana Sarovar"** having built up area of 1660 sq ft along with **377.51 sq ft** of undivided share, right, title and interest over property bearing **Municipal No.35 (Old No.49/13), PID No.66-122-35, measuring 18,764 sq ft** situated at Service Road, Jakkasandra Extension, Bengaluru, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru with two covered Car parking space with rights over all spaces and common area of the building belonging to **Mr. Sudhakar T.** **Boundaries of property as per Document : East by** : Property of Agarada Andayappa, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Property of Agarada Andayappa, **South by :** Road. **Boundaries of Flat: East by** : Corridor, **West by :** Flat No.004, **North by :** Open Space, **South by :** Flat No.002.	**Rs. 1,25,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 12,50,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)**	**12.45 PM to 1.00 PM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.2]: All that part and parcel of the **residential apartment bearing Flat No.002,** situated in the Ground Floor of the Apartment building known as **"Sri Vandana Sarovar"** having built up area of **1575 sq ft** along with **358.18 sq ft** of undivided share, right, title and interest over property bearing Municipal No.35 (Old No.49/13), PID No.66-122-35, measuring 18,764 sq ft situated at Service Road, Jakkasandra Extension, Bengaluru, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru with two covered car parking space with rights over all spaces and common area of the building belonging to **Mr. Sudhakar T**. **Boundaries of property as per Document : East by** : Property of Agarada Andayappa**, West by :** Road **, North by :** Property of Agarada Andayappa**, South by :** Road**. Boundaries of Flat: East by** : Corridor**, West by :** Flat No.003**, North by :** Flat No.001**, South by :** Open Space.	**Rs. 1,19,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Nineteen Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 11,90,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Ninety Thousand Only)**	**1.00 PM to 1.15 PM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.3] : All that part and parcel of the **residential apartment bearing Flat No.402,** situated in the Fourth Floor of the Apartment building known as **"Vandana Primerose"** having built up area of **1290 sq ft** along with **335.68 sq ft** of undivided share, right, title and interest over property converted land measuring 10 Guntas in Sy No. 3/2 of Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru with one covered car parking space in the stilt floor with rights over all open spaces and common area of the building belonging to **Mrs. T Suneetha. Boundaries of property as per Document : East by** : Road formed in Sy No.9, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Presently Ambedkar Colony formed in Sy No.4, **South by :** Road formed in Sy No.2, **Boundaries of Flat: East by** : Flat No.401, **West by :** Flat No.403, **North by :** Corridor, **South by :** Open to sky.	**Rs. 78,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 7,80,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)**	**1.15 PM to 1.30 PM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.4] : All that part and parcel of the **residential apartment bearing Flat No.403,** situated in the Fourth Floor of the Apartment building known as **"Vandana Primerose"** having built up area of **1290 sq ft** along with **335.68 sq ft** of undivided share, right, title and interest over property converted land measuring 10 Guntas in Sy No. 3/2 of Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru with one covered car parking space in the floor level with rights over all open spaces and common area of the building belonging to **Mrs. T Suneetha. Boundaries of property as per Document : East by :** Road formed in Sy No.9, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Presently Ambedkar Colony formed in Sy No.4, **South by :** Road formed in Sy No.2. **Boundaries of Flat: East by** : Flat No.402, **West by :** Stair case, **North by :** Corridor, **South by** : Open to sky.	**Rs.77,50,000/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 7,75,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Only)**	**1.30 PM to 1.45 PM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.5] : All that part and parcel of the **residential apartment bearing Flat No.404,** situated in the Fourth Floor of the Apartment building known as **"Vandana Primerose"** having built up area of 1265 sq ft along with 329.17 sq ft of undivided share, right, title and interest over property converted land measuring 10 Guntas in Sy No. 3/2 of Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru with one covered car parking space in the floor level with rights over all open spaces and common area of the building belonging to **Mrs. T Suneetha. Boundaries of property as per Document : East by :** Road formed in Sy No.9, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Presently Ambedkar Colony formed in Sy No.4, **South by :** Road formed in Sy No.2. **Boundaries of Flat: East by :** Stair case, **West by :** Flat No.405, **North by :** Corridor, **South by :** Open to sky.	**Rs. 76,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 7,60,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Sixty Thousand Only)**	**1.45 AM to 2.00 PM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.6]: All that part and parcel of the **residential apartment bearing Flat No.405,** situated in the Fourth Floor of the Apartment building known as **"Vandana Primerose"** having built up area of **1265 sq ft** along with **329.17 sq ft** of undivided share, right, title and interest over property converted land measuring 10 Guntas in Sy No. 3/2 of Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru with one covered car parking space in the floor level with rights over all open spaces and common area of the building belonging to **Mrs. T Suneetha. Boundaries of property as per Document : East by** : Road formed in Sy No.9, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Presently Ambedkar Colony formed in Sy No.4, **South by :** Road formed in Sy No.2. **Boundaries of Flat: East by** : Flat No.404, **West by :** Flat No.406, **North by :** Corridor,**South by :** Open to sky.	**Rs. 76,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 7,60,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Sixty Thousand Only)**	**2.00 PM to 2.15 PM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.7] : All that part and parcel of the **residential apartment bearing Flat No.406,** situated in the Fourth Floor of the Apartment building known as **"Vandana Primerose"** having built up area of **1625 sq ft** along with **422.85 sq ft** of undivided share, right, title and interest over property converted land measuring 10 Guntas in Sy No. 3/2 of Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru with one covered car parking space in the stilt floor with rights over all open spaces and common area of the building belonging to **Mrs. T Suneetha. Boundaries of property as per Document : East by** : Road formed in Sy No.9, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Presently Ambedkar Colony formed in Sy No.4, **South by :** Road formed in Sy No.2. **Boundaries of Flat: East by** : Flat No.405, **West by :** Open to Sky, **North by :** Corridor, **South by :** Open to Sky.	**Rs. 98,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Eight Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 9,80,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)**	**2.15 PM to 2.30 PM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.8] : All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing **BDA Site No.38-A, Municipal No.38/A, PID No.65-48-38/A, measuring 222.95 sq mts** (East to West: 18.29 mts and North to South 12.19 Mts) situated at 4th Cross, 30th Main Road, 2nd Stage, BTM layout, Bengaluru, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru belonging to **Mrs. T Mamatha. Boundaries of property as per Document : East by** : Road, **West by :** Property No.7-A & 7-B, **North by :** Property No.38, **South by :** Property No.38-B.	**Rs. 4,70,00,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Seventy Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 47,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Only)**	**2.30 PM to 2.45 PM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.9] : All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Site No.10, Municipal No.10, PID No.65-58-10,** measuring **2880 sq ft (East to West (70+74)/2 feet and North to South: 40 feet),** situated at Mysore Road Industrial Employees HBCS Layout, Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Nagara, Bengaluru (being the Site situated in the layout formed by the Mysore Road Industrial Employees House building Co-operative Society Ltd, in Sy Nos.85/1, 88/2, 88/3, & 87/2 of Madivala Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk) within the limits of BTM layout Ward of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru belonging to **Mrs. T Rajitha. Boundaries of property as per Document : East by** : Site No.21, **West by :** 30 feet wide road, **North by :** Site No.9, **South by :** Site No.11.	**Rs. 6,20,00,000/- (Rupees Six Crore Twenty Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 62,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lakhs Only)**	**2.45 PM to 3.00 PM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.10]: All that part and parcel of the **immovable property bearing Site No.7, Municipal No.32, PID No.51-65-32, measuring 1350 sq ft (East to West :30 feet and North to South : 45 feet),** situated at 15th Cross, Ashoknagar, Bengaluru within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru belonging to **Mrs. T Premala. Boundaries of Land as per Document : East by :** Property No.8, **West by :** Property No.6 , **North by :** Road, **South by :** Private Property.	**Rs. 2,25,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Five Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 22,50,000/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)**	**03.00 PM to 03.15 PM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).
(This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8/Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors).
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com under the head "Auction Notice".
The E-auction will be conducted through portal www.auctionbazaar.com on **09.03.2026** at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **www.auctionbazaar.com** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **08.03.2026**) from **M/s ARCA EMART PVT LTD** (Known by their **website: www.auctionbazaar.com**) Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/A/1, Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Telangana, India – 500016, **Contact No. :** 8885035382 E-mail : **contact@auctionbazaar.com and disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 16.02.2026

Sd/- Assistant General Manager & Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

5 killed
and five others were injured in an apartment fire in northeast Spain

'Can sink US warship': Khamenei ups rhetoric amid Geneva N-talks

No breakthrough in fresh dialogue; Tehran seeks sanctions relief, Washington raises Gulf pressure

GENEVA

IRAN's supreme leader warned on Tuesday that the country had the ability to sink a US warship deployed to the Gulf, as fresh talks between the two sides concluded in Switzerland.

The threat by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei follows a military build-up by the United States in the region as President Donald Trump piles pressure on Iran to make a deal over its nuclear programme. The Omani-mediated talks were aimed at averting the possibility of US military action, while Tehran is demanding the lifting of US sanctions that are crippling its economy.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei | AP

An AFP journalist saw the delegations of both countries leave the location of the talks at the residence of the Omani ambassador on Tuesday afternoon.

Trump had warned of consequences ahead of the talks should Tehran fail to strike a deal. He has repeatedly threatened to intervene militarily, first over Iran's deadly crackdown on protesters last month and then more recently over its nuclear programme.

Washington has ordered two aircraft carriers to the region, with the first, the USS Abraham Lincoln with nearly 80 aircraft, positioned about 700 kilometres from the Iranian coast as of Sunday, satellite images showed.

Its location puts at least a dozen US F-35s and F-18 fighter jets within striking distance. A second carrier was dispatched at the weekend as Trump ratcheted up pressure. "I don't think they want the consequences of not making a deal," he told reporters ahead of the talks. But Khamenei followed up with tough rhetoric of his own after the talks began, saying Iran possessed weapons able to sink an American warship. "We constantly hear that they have sent a warship towards Iran. A warship is certainly a dangerous weapon, but even more dangerous is the weapon capable of sinking it," he said in a speech. He added that Trump would not succeed in destroying the Islamic republic.

Iran wants talks limited to the nuclear issue; the US seeks to add missiles and regional proxies. *AFP*

The Iranian Revolutionary Guard's drill in the Persian Gulf | AP

Iran briefly closed the Strait of Hormuz for live fire drills

GENEVA

IRAN announced the temporary closure of the Strait of Hormuz on Tuesday for live fire military drills in a rare show of force as its negotiators held another round of indirect talks with the United States in Geneva over its disputed nuclear program.

It was the first time Iran has announced the closure of the key international waterway, through which 20% of the world's oil passes, since the US began threatening Iran and rushing military assets to the region. It marks a further escalation in a weekslong standoff that could ignite another war in the Middle East.

As the talks began, Iran's state media announced that it had fired live missiles toward the Strait and would close it for several hours for "safety and maritime concerns."

The semiofficial Tasnim news agency, which is close to the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, said missiles launched inside Iran and along its coast had struck their targets in the Strait.

Iranian state TV later said the talks had wrapped up after almost three hours. They had reported earlier that the negotiations would be indirect and will focus only on Iran's nuclear program and not domestic policies, including its bloody crackdown on protests last month. US President Donald Trump has repeatedly threatened to use force to compel Iran to agree to constrain its nuclear program. Iran has said it would respond with an attack of its own. Trump has also threatened Iran over the killing of protesters. *AP*

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

Auction Sale of House property

That pursuant of order passed by the Hon'ble City Civil Judge, Bengaluru CCH 43 in FDP No. 21/2019 the house property more fully described in the Schedule herein below will be sold in public auction. To be held on 16-3-2026 between 10 A.M. to 12 noon, at schedule premises, any person or institutions interested to participate in the auction may do so subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The particulars mentioned in the schedule is the best of the information to court as furnished by parties.
2. The Off-set price to schedule property for auction sale shall be Rs. 82,12,500/= (Rupees Eighty Two Lakhs Twelve thousand Five Hundred only).
3. The amount by which the biddings are to be determined by the court commissioner conducting the sale, in the event of any dispute arising as to the amount bid or as the bidding the property to again put up to auction.
4. The auction purchasers shall produce authenticated identification/Adhar card including Pan Card before the commencement of the auction sale to the court commissioner.
5. 25% of the off-set price of the property, the successful bidder shall pay the DD drawn in favour of the Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru to the court commissioner immediately after acceptance of the highest bid.
6. The successful bidder shall deposit the balance amount of the highest bid amount before the court within 15 days from the date of conclusion of the auction sale.
7. In case the highest bidder fails to deposit the auction sale amount as per the condition he/she shall be liable to pay damages fixed at 10% of the highest bid amount, apart from forfeiting the 10% depositing amount.
8. If the highest bidder fails to deposit the amount then the properties shall be re-sold after the issue of a fresh notification of sale.
9. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Hon'ble court on 06-04-2026.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property situated in the portion of the building with Ground Floor, First and 2nd floor, bearing Corporation No. 38(Old No. 181-A), situated at Chikkabazar Road, Civil Station, Bengaluru measuring East to West 18.75 feet, North to South 36.5 feet, totally measuring 684.375 sq.ft, consisting of ground, first and second floor and bounded on: **East by :** Chikka bazaar Street, **West by :** Temple Property, **North by :** Property of V. Shanmugam, **South by :** Private property,

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
AHESAN PASHA.B.,
Advocate / Court Commissioner,
No.17, Lal Masjid 'A' Street, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru - 560 051. Mobile No. 78992 01144.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large **Mr.Tarun R,** Residing at #96, Attur Post,Veerasagara. Bangalore, Karnataka - 560064. He has lost the Registered Original Sale Deed of Doc No.2989/1987-88 dated on 28-11-1987 and Registered Original Sale Deed of Doc No. 2133/1991-92 dated on 28-10-1991 he has lost at Near Attur bus stop Accordingly he has lodged the complainant on Bangalore City Police with E-Lost dated 17/02/2026 Report No.2067483/2026.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Property No.95 & 96,V. P. Katha No.95 & 96, House list No. 217, Sy No. 26, Pid No - 150200202700600149 Situated at Hurulichikkanahalli Village, Hesarugatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West : 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 2400 Sq.ft bounded on **East by:** Property No.94, **West by:** Layout Road and public property **North by:** 20 feet Road, **South by:** Property No 97 & 98 Belongs to D.Leelalf anyone finding the aforesaid document is hereby requested to handover the same to our office at the address mentioned hereunder.

HARISHA .S, Advocate
 # 1479. DRLS PLAZA.
UNION BANK BUILDING. T DASARAHALLI,
Bengaluru-560057. Mob No. 9060950265.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This This is to inform the General Public that, our client viz., **Sri. Ravikumar S S/o Late Srinivasa Reddy,** residing at No: 165, near Govt. School Gopasandra Muthanallur Anekal Bangalore Karnataka-560099 had lost the following original title deeds with respect to Sy. No. 49, situated at Kaggalipura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District during transit:

* Sale deed dated: 13.01.1953, executed by Sri. Ramaiah S/o Munishami in favour of Sri. Yallappa S/o Sareddy, registered at Doc. No: 2139/ 1952-53, Volume No: 685, in the office of the Sub register Anekal.
* Sale deed dated 31.03.1958 executed by Sri. Yallappa S/o Sareddy in favour of Sri. K.N. Veerachari S/o Nanjappachari, registered as Document No. 3525/1957-58 Book-I volume No: 811, in the office of the Sub register Anekal
* Sale deed dated: 04.06.1959 executed by Sri. K. N. Veerachari S/o Sri. Nanjappachari in favour of Sri. G. Papareddy @ Muninanja Reddy register Doc. No:896/1959-60 BookI Volume No: 855, in the office of the Sub register Anekal

Our client has already lodged the Police Complaint on 12.02.2026 bearing Lost Report No. 2059808/2026 in the jurisdictional Police Station. Any person/s having or claiming any manner of right, title & interest over the above said Property or on aforesaid mentioned original documents may intimate the same in writing to the under signed along with documentary evidence in support of their claim within **15 days** from the date of this publication, failing which, it will be presumed that the said original deeds are lost.

If any person holding the said original deeds may kindly contact the undersigned at the earliest.

Dated this 18th day of February 2026 at Bangalore

M/s. LEGAL NEXUS
Advocates and Consultants
No. 428, First Floor, 24th Main, 25th Cross HSR Layout, Sector 2, Bangalore-560102
Mobile: 9945688974; 9164150690

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY APPELLATE TRIBUNAL AT CHENNAI

I.A. No. 408 of 2025
(Waiver Application) In
AIR. No. 377 of 2024

1.Sri P.Ananda Menon, residing at Sector XII, Jeevan Bheema Nagar, Hal III Stage, Bangalore-560 075 and another
...APPLICANTS/APPELLANTS
-V/s-
1. M/s. Corporation Bank, Branches at Gandhi Bazaar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004. Represented by its Chief Manager, Smt.Usha R Pai and 4 others ...
RESPONDENTS/RESPONDENTS

To, **2. Sri. P. V. Balasubramaniyan,** Proprietor, Petroleum Service, No. 21/2, J C Road, Bangalore – 560 002.
3. Sri. D. Seshachalam, Father's name not known Major, R/at., 3rd Cross, Nehru Nagar, Bangalore – 560 038.
4. M/s. Petroleum Service, No. 21/2, J C Road, Bangalore – 560 002. Represented by its Proprietor Sri. P. V. Balasubramaniyan.

The above matter came up for hearing on 09.02.2026 before the Hon'ble DEBTS RECOVERY APPELLATE TRIBUNAL AT CHENNAI and the Hon'ble Appellate Tribunal was pleased to order for Paper Publication as the service to the Respondents 2 to 4. Hence, I am issuing this notice by way of Paper Publication. Please take notice that the above matter will be listed for hearing before the Hon'ble Appellate Tribunal on **05-03-2026.** Kindly be present on that day or appear through a counsel, failing which the matter will be heard and decided in your absence.

Counsel for the Appellant: **R.AKSHAYA,** Advocate
No.7, Law Chambers, Madras High Court Buildings, Chennai-104.

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1,
B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru- 560001
O.A. No. 216/2025

Between:
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
And
Dinesh Kumar Gupta ...Defendants

To,
2. Smt. Neena Gupta,
B16, Pride Crosswinds,
Bannerghatta- Jigani Road,
Near Koppa Gate, Nisarga Layout,
Bengaluru- 560083
Also at- Smt. Neena Gupta,
B-23, Hallmark, Twin Bungalows,
Parnesh Nestle Campus,
Nanjundapura Road, Coimbatore,
Tamil Nadu- 641036

Summons issued to Defendant under Rule 23(Viii) of Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules of 1993 by way of Paper Publication

WHEREAS the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of Rs. 47,78,894/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Four Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on 17/09/2026 at 10:30 a.m. as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day 10.02.2026.

By the order of the Tribunal
Registrar-1
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1
Bangalore

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PROBLEMS ARE NOT STOP SIGNS, THEY ARE GUIDELINES
ROBERT H SCHULLER

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that our client intends to purchase a residentially converted immovable property, bearing No. 1123/70/2/1123 and having E-PID No. 1292445693, formed on Survey No. 70/2, measuring 4,856.2 square meters (52,272 square feet or 01 Acre 08 Guntas), situated at Belatturu Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District which is morefully described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as **"Schedule Property"** from its rightful owners 1. B S Srinivasa Murthy son of B S Subbaramaiah and 2. Nivedita Rathod wife of Ujwal Rathod.

Any person having any right, claim, title, interest in the Schedule Property or having any objection to the sale must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof within 15 days of this publication, failing which it shall be deemed that no person has any objection to our client purchasing the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

(description of the Schedule Property)

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residentially converted property, bearing No. 1123/70/2/1123 and having E-PID No. 1292445693, formed on Survey No. 70/2, measuring 4,856.2 square meters (52,272 square feet or 01 Acre 08 Guntas), situated at Belatturu Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and is bounded on:

East by : Survey No. 70/4
West by : Survey No. 70/1
North by : Survey No. 71 and Kaluve
South by : Road and Konena Agrahara Village Border

Abhijit Atur, Advocate
M/s Agraa Legal,
3rd Floor, Shravanee Krishna Mansion, Ashoka Pillar Road, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bengaluru 560011, Ph: (080) 2962001/02
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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
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No: SEE/Tr(Proj)/MYS/EE(E)(O)/AE-3/25-26/6263-64 Date: 16.02.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following work.

Bid Enquiry No: SEE/T(Proj)Circle/Mys/EE(O)/AE-3/2025-26/220kV T. Narasipura/04 Dtd: 16.02.2026 for Conducting detailed survey for Construction of MC Line from existing 220kV Vajamangala-TK Halli line to proposed 220kV T.Narasipura R/s and construction of associated 66kV Lines emanating from proposed 220kV T.Narasipura R/s in T.Narasipura Taluk, Mysuru District using Modern survey Techniques.

The bids will be received through electronic mode only. The details notification regarding above said enquiry can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **20.02.2026 at 17:00 Hrs.**

Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours. All corrigendum/ Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the bids.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, (Ele.), Transmission (Proj) Circle, KPTCL, 1st Floor, Prasarana Bhavana, FTS Compound, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru-570 007.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client, **Smt. Sudha A,** W/o S. Baburedy, aged about 55 years, residing at No. 290/6, 3rd Cross, Ramurthy Nagar Main Road, Dodda Banaswadi, Bengaluru – 560043, has lost/misplaced certain cheque leaves pertaining to her Savings Bank Accounts maintained with State Bank of India, Maruthi Seva Nagar Branch, Bengaluru.

The said cheque leaves were lost in transit near Banaswadi Bus Stop on 24/12/2025.The details of the accounts and missing cheque leaves are as follows:

1. Account Holder Name: Smt. Sudha A Account No.: 20044466164Missing Cheque Nos.: 267580, 267581, 267582, 267583, 267584, 267585, 267586,267587,267588,267589,267590
2. Account Holder Name: Anuj B. Account No.: 20418445619 Missing Cheque Nos.: 555530, 555536, 555541, 555543, 555547, 555548, 555549, 555550.Despite best efforts made to trace the same, the said cheque leaves could not be found. Further, she has lodged a Lost Article Report through an online complaint in this regard on 15/02/2026 (Lost Report No. 2063516/2026).The general public and concerned authorities are hereby cautioned not to deal with or negotiate the above-mentioned cheque leaves if presented. Any person(s) who find(s) the said cheque leaves or claim(s) any right, title, interest, or possession in respect of the same is hereby requested kindly contact within 7 days from the date this publication at the office address given below.

Rapuri Gavaskhar, B.sc., LLB, Advocate,
Sy no.120,Sarjapura Road Doddakannelli, Bengaluru -560035. Mobile No.9110775535.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Smt. SUDHA A** W/o S Baburedy, Aged About 55 Years, Residing at 290/6,3rd cross, ramurthy nagar main road, dodda banaswadi, Bengaluru - 560043. who is the present owner of below mentioned properties and she was having Original Sale Deeds dated 27.05.1992, vide Doc.No.9229/91-92 of Book-1, Volume No.501 page No.87-90 registered in the office of Sub-registrar Krishnarajupura in respect of All that piece and parcel of Old House List No.290/6, Property No.44, now bearing BBMP of Property No.19, situated at 3rd Cross, Venkataramaiah Layout, Banaswadi, Ward No.88, K.R.Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore and another sale deed dated 20/01/2004, Vide Doc.No. 18449/2003-04 stored in CD No.121 registered in the office of Sub-registrar K R Pura in respect of All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site no.43,house list katha no.290/6,situated at Banaswadi Village, K R Pura Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru. the aforesaid Original Document has been lost/misplaced transmit near banswadi bus stop dated.24/12/2025 she has made best efforts in tracing the same, but efforts were in vain, Further she lodged a lost article report complaint (Lost report no.2063500/2026) through online in this regarding on 15.02.2026, if anyone found the aforesaid original document, kindly contact within 7 days from the date this publication at the office address given below.

Rapuri Gavaskhar B.sc., LLB, Advocate,
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Auction for leasing of Parcel Space, Parking & Advertising and Miscellaneous contracts by Bengaluru Division.

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites bidders for E-Auctions on the following dates:

1. Catering : 03.03.2026, 04.03.2026, 09.03.2026
2. Parking : 20.02.2026, 25.02.2026, 04.03.2026, 10.03.2026
3. Advertising : 20.02.2026, 04.03.2026, 09.03.2026
4. Parcels: 18.02.2026, 26.02.2026, 05.03.2026, 10.03.2026
5. Pay & Use : 17.02.2026, 05.03.2026, 09.03.2026
6. Miscellaneous : 18.02.2026, 23.02.2026, 27.02.2026, 05.03.2026, 06.03.2026, 10.03.2026

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DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
NOTICE TO: BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR Pursuant to 13(2) of the Act

To,
1.M/s REWARDS SOURCING PVT LTD., i) 1st floor, no 18, SNS plaza road, Kumara krupa road, Bangalore north 560001. ii) no 11,3 rd floor, Railway parallel road, Nehrunagar, Bengaluru-560020
2.Ms. SHARVANI SACHIDANAND, director and guarantor of M/s Rewards sourcing pvt ltd., d/o Budagere sachidanand, no 201 hanathe 4th C main, 3rd block 3rd stage, Basaveshwara nagar, Bangalore north 560079
3.Mrs PINKY DHANPAL SAKARIA, Director and Guarantor of M/s Rewards sourcing pvt ltd., w/o Dhanpal Sakaria, no 33/1 sakaria nivas Neharunagar, Seshadripuram 1st cross, Bangalore north 560020.
4.Smt. SHANTI DEVI, guarantor of m/s rewards sourcing pvt ltd., w/o Tejraj Bantiya, no 50/30 yamuna bai road, Opp. E-tv office, Madhavanagar, Bangalore north 560001.
5.Sri. DHANPAL SAKARIA, guarantor and mortgagor of M/s Rewards sourcing pvt ltd., s/o Inderkumar Devichandji Sakaria, no 33/1, 1st cross, Nehrunagar, Banglore 560020.
6.Sri.NIRMAL BANTIYA, guarantor of m/s rewards sourcing pvt ltd., S/o. Tejraj Bantiya, no 50(30) yamuna bai road, Opp. E-tv office, Madhavanagar, Bangalore north 560001.
7. MR. SURESH KUMAR, represented by poa holder Mrs. Pinky Dhanpal Sakaria, partner of m/s dhruvi builders and constructions, Registered office at no.33/1, 1st cross road, Nehru nagar, Bangalore - 560020.
8.M/s Dhruvi Builders and Constructions (Represented by Mrs. Pinky Dhanpal Sakaria and Mr. Suresh Kumar, Represented by POA holder Mrs. Pinky Dhanpal Sakaria) MORTGAGOR of M/S REWARDS SOURCING PVT LTD., Registered Office at No.33/1, 1st Cross Road, Nehru Nagar, Bangalore 560020.

Sub: Demand Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

That **M/s Rewards Sourcing Pvt Ltd** (Earlier named as M/s Annectos Rewards & Retail Pvt. Ltd) represented by Director/ Directors **1.Smt. Sharvani Sachidanand and 2.Mrs Pinky Dhanpal Sakaria** has availed credit facility / facilities from Canara Bank Branch.

SL NO	LOAN NO	NATURE OF LOAN/LIMIT	Date of Sanction and Amount	LIABILITY WITH INTEREST	RATE OF INTEREST (including penal interest)
1	1168261960033	MSME OD/OCC	30/10/2019 Rs.550.00 lakhs	5,59,14,841.00/ -	12.60% (10.60% plus 2% penal interest)

The above said loan/credit facilities are duly secured by way of mortgage of the assets more specifically described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant documents executed by you in our favour. Since you had failed to discharge your liabilities as per the terms and conditions stipulated, the Bank has classified the debt as NPA on **02.07.2025.** Hence, we hereby issue this notice to you under Section 13(2) of the subject Act calling upon you to discharge the entire liability of **Rs.5,89,02,681.32 (Rupees Five Crores Eighty Nine Lakhs Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty One And Paise Thirty Two only)** with accrued and up-to-date interest and other expenses, within sixty days from the date of the notice, falling which we shall exercise all or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the subject Act.

Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets mentioned in the schedule in any manner whatsoever, without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject Act and/or any other law in force.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The demand notice has also been issued to you by Registered Post Ack due to you last known address available in the Branch record.

SCHEDULE

Sl No	Movable	Name Of Title Holder
1.	**Hypothecation of Stocks and Book Debts**	**M/S Rewards Sourcing Pvt Ltd**
	Immovable	
1.	All that piece and parcel of property A Three Bedroom residential Row house/villament bearing No.2, constructed in Ground + First Floor + Terrace, constructed on the B Schedule property known as "COURTYARD", in all measuring 2388.035 square feet of undivided land area, 819.16 square feet of additional garden area, vitrified flooring along with one covered car parking space with SY No. 163/3 and 163/2 situated at Varthur Village, Varthur hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bengaluru East taluk with super built up area of flat 2581.66 sqft and Bounded by: East by : Garden, West by: Road, North by: Row house/ Villament no 1 and, South by: Row house/Villament no 3	**Smt Shanthi Devi**
2.	All that piece and parcel of apartment bearing Flat No.201 in second floor with 2 car parking at Kalpavruksh Homes No.8 Municipal No 5, PID No.77-60-5, 1st Main Road, Ward No.77, Chakravarthi Iyengar Extension, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru 560020 measuring North to South 40Feet, East to West 60Feet, Super Built up area 2400Sq Ft, Undivided Share of land 600 Sq ft. Bounded By: East by: Dr. Prasanna Kumar House, West by: 1ST main road Chakravarthi Iyengar extension/Layout, North By: M R Sarojini Devi House, South By: Krishna Iyyengar House	**Mr Dhanpal Sakaria**
3.	All that piece and parcel of Residential Site No.93, in the layout "Nitesh Rio" formed as per the plan approved by Bangalore Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Area Planning Authority out of the land in S Y No.20/2 of Uttarahalli, Manavarthekaval Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk duly converted for residential purposes as per the official Memorandum No. B.Dis.ALN.SR (S) 239/03-04 dt 20.10.2003, issued by the Deputy Commisioner, Bengaluru District, measuring 3560Sq Ft and bounded by: East By : Site No.69 & 70, West By : Road, North By :Park, South By :Site No.92	**M/s Dhruvi Builders and Constructions Represented by partners Mrs. Pinky Dhanpal Sakaria and Sri Suresh Kumar**

Place : Bengaluru
Date: 17-02-2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
CHENNAI KANYAKUMARI INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR PROJECT

BID NOTICE NO.NCB/CKICP/RS-IP/MC1/01,02 & 03, Dated: 17.02.2026

1. The Superintending Engineer (H), CKICP, Kancheepuram for and on behalf of Governor of State of Tamil Nadu invites bids for **"CKICP-Road Safety Improvement Works"**
2. The bid document is availale **from 20.02.2026 at 16.00 hours (IST)** and should be submitted online in the website, www.tntenders.gov.in
3. Kindly refer the Invitation for Bid (IFB) uploaded in **www.tntenders.gov.in** for details.
4. Deadline for online submission of bids: **on or before on 25.03.2026 at 15.00 hours** (IST).
5. Date of online Bid opening: **25.03.2026 at 16.00 hours (IST)**

Superintending Engineer (H)
Chennai Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor Project
Circle Office, Kancheepuram
Email: seckickpm@gmail.com
Website : www.ckicp.tn.gov.in

DIPR/1182/TENDER/2026

TAMILNADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD
No.417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai-600008
Phone:28191890/28190259; Fax: 044 -28190636

Sl. No	Online Tender no with qty./ Document Cost	Sale Period	Pre bid	Submission	Opening
1	E1472/VEH/NHM/TNMSC/ENGG/2026, Dt:16.02.2026 – Chassis with built up cabin fitted with Engine, for Medium commercial Vehicle N type (37) – Rs.5,725/-	18.02.2026 to 24.02.2026	20.02.2026 11.00 AM	25.02.2026 11.00 AM	25.02.2026 12.00 Noon
2	E1473/BSL-III/DME-KIPM/TNMSC/ENGG/2026, Dt:16.02.2026 – Establishment of Biosafety level III facilities in Dept. of Virology at KIPM& R, Chennai (Multi-stage tender)– Rs.5,725/-	18.02.2026 to 24.02.2026	20.02.2026 11.30 AM	25.02.2026 11.00 AM	25.02.2026 12.00 Noon
3	E1474/RO/DME-RGGGH/TNMSC/ENGG/2026, Dt:16.02.2026 – RO Plant (2)– Rs.5,725/-	19.02.2026 to 05.03.2026	26.02.2026 11.00 AM	06.03.2026 11.00 AM	06.03.2026 12.00 Noon
4	E1475/EEG/NHM/RC/TNMSC/ENGG/2026, Dt:16.02.2026 – EEG Machine (5) – Rs.5,725/-	19.02.2026 to 05.03.2026	26.02.2026 11.30 AM	06.03.2026 11.00 AM	06.03.2026 12.00 Noon
5	E1476/SPFM/DME-ICH/TNMSC/ENGG/2026, Dt: 16.02.2026 – Spectroflurometer Multimode plate reader (1) & Dried Blood Spot (DBS) Puncher (Automated) (1) – Rs.2,290/-	19.02.2026 to 05.03.2026	26.02.2026 12.00 Noon	06.03.2026 11.00 AM	06.03.2026 12.00 Noon
6	E1477/ANL/RC/TNMSC/ENGG/2026, Dt: 16.02.2026 – Hormone Analyzer (4) – Rs.5,725/-	19.02.2026 to 05.03.2026	26.02.2026 12.30 PM	06.03.2026 11.00 AM	06.03.2026 12.00 Noon
7	E1478/WC/RC/TNMSC/ENGG/2026, Dt: 09.02.2026 – Walk in Cooler with SS Racks (6) – Rs.3,435/-	20.02.2026 to 09.03.2026	27.02.2026 11.00 AM	10.03.2026 11.00 AM	10.03.2026 12.00 Noon
8	E1479/COT/RC/TNMSC/ENGG/2026, Dt: 09.02.2026 – Various type of COTS (6) – Rs.5,725/-	20.02.2026 to 09.03.2026	27.02.2026 11.30 AM	10.03.2026 11.00 AM	10.03.2026 12.00 Noon
9	E1480/REHAB/NHM/TNMSC/ENGG/2026, Dt: 09.02.2026 – 3D Technology for prosthetic Fabrication – Rs.5,725/-	20.02.2026 to 09.03.2026	27.02.2026 12.00 Noon	10.03.2026 11.00 AM	10.03.2026 12.00 Noon
10	E1481/ANS/RC/TNMSC/ENGG/2026, Dt:09.02.2026 – Various type of Anesthesia Workstation – Rs.5,725/-	20.02.2026 to 23.03.2026	27.02.2026 12.30 PM	24.03.2026 11.00 AM	24.03.2026 12.00 Noon

For details visit **www.tntenders.gov.in** and TNMSC website **www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in**

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GENERAL MANAGER (EQUIPMENT)

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) | CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031.
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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co- borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice
1	10163241378 10163247109 & 10159329348	BBG	1. M/s Kalatronics Semiconductors Private Limited 2. Karanam Mahendra Maheswar 3. Kuduvalli Nageshrao Manjunatha Panditha 4. Kuduvalli Manjunath Deepa Pandith	11.02.2026	INR 12,28,70,529/-

Property Address : Item No. 1 : All That Piece And Parcel Of Site No. 125, In Survey Nos. 1/1 & 3/2, Khatha No. 556 Situated At Subramanyapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka-560062, Measuring East To West: 30.00 Ft. And North To South: 40.00 Ft., And Bounded As: **East By : Site No. 124,West By : Site No. 126, North By : Site No. 117, South By : 25' Ft. Road**
There Is 10'x 5' Ft. Mangalore Tiles Roofed House, Constructed With Mud & Bricks, There Is No Water, Electricity & Sanitary Fecilities.

Item No. 2 : All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Bearing Converted Survey No. 52, New Sy. No. 52/1, Bbmp Khatha No. 248, Measuring An Extent Of 18588.00 Square Feets Out Of Total Extent Of 30 Guntas, Wherein Whole Property Converted For Agricultural To Non-agricultural Residential Purpose, Vide Its Order No. Aln (ekhw) Sr 15/2011-12, Dated 16-06-2011, Issued By The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Situated At Sadaramangala Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Now Comes Under The Jurisdiction Of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No. 54, Bangalore, Karnataka-560048, Along With 24 Squares Rcc Roofed Building Consisting Of Ground, First And Second Floor, Vetrified Flooring, Doors & Windows Are Honne, Together With All Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath Or Above The Surface, And Being Bounded On The : **East By : Remaining Portion Of Same Sy. No. 52/1, West By : Private Property, North By : Remaining Portion Or Same Sy.no. 52/1 Belongs To Vendor, South By : Road.**

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)** as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)** Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
(erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)

Date : 18.02.2026
Place : Bangalore, Karnataka

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
173.81 ▲	Sensex	83,450.96	₹2,240 ▼	24 carat (10 gm)	₹154,350	₹8,000 ▼	1 kg	₹260,000	▲ Dollar		90.77
42.65 ▲	Nifty	25,725.40	₹2,050 ▼	22 carat (10 gm)	₹141,500	₹80 ▼	10 gm	₹2,600	▼ Euro		107.52

■ Additional $17 billion investment is likely in deep-tech, says IT minister ■ Rapid progress of AI has created 'deployment gap', says Nilekani

Govt sees $200 billion AI investment over 2 years

AI IMPACT SUMMIT भारत 2026 INDIA

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

INDIA is expecting strong investment inflows of up to $200 billion over the next two years across the five layers of the AI stack, said Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw on Tuesday. The minister, speaking at a press conference on the sidelines of the India AI Impact Summit 2026, also said that an additional $17 billion investment is likely in the deep-tech and application layers, apart from infrastructure spending.

"Many venture capital firms are committing funds to deep-tech start-ups, application development and cutting-edge AI model research. The next generation of models will come from both engineering and mathematical innovation," said Vaishnaw.

The Minister said the government will soon launch AI Mission 2.0, with a strong focus on research and development, innovation, AI diffusion and strengthening common compute infrastructure. He said that under AI Mission 1.0, India has focused on democratising access to AI infrastructure.

He said India currently has around 30,000 GPUs in the public compute framework and plans to procure an additional 20,000 GPUs. "Orders will be placed shortly, and deployment is expected within six months," said Vaishnaw.

Responding to concerns about power and water requirements for AI infrastructure, the Minister acknowledged that these are genuine issues. He said India has invested heavily in clean energy and is encouraging research into reducing power and water consumption in AI systems. Some startups, he noted, claim they can reduce power consumption by up to 75% compared to current methods.

The Minister also pitched for the stronger regulations to address deepfakes, calling it a growing problem that threatens children and society. The government has initiated a dialogue with industry, and parliamentary committees have also examined the issue.

He said any company operating in India — including platforms such as Netflix, YouTube, Meta and X — must comply with India's constitutional and legal framework.

On age-based regulations, he said many countries now recognise the need for differentiated access for young users, and India has already taken forward-looking steps in this regard. The Minister described the AI divide as similar to other technological divides and said it must be consciously bridged. "India aims to develop solutions that can serve not only domestic needs but also the Global South, positioning the country as a provider of affordable and scalable AI systems," said Vaishnaw.

Many venture capital firms are committing funds to deep-tech start-ups, application development and cutting-edge AI model research. Next generation of models will come from engineering, mathematical innovation

Ashwini Vaishnaw, electronics & IT minister

Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw with ex-Infy CEO Vishal Sikka, HCL's Roshni Nadar, and others at AI Summit | EXPRESS

'RESKILL WORKFORCE AMID AI CONCERNS'

AS the share prices of Indian IT companies continue to decline amid fears of artificial intelligence-led disruption, Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw has asked companies to reskill and upskill their existing talent. Addressing a press conference on the sidelines of the India AI Impact Summit 2026, the minister said the government is working closely with industry and academia to manage the transition to AI-driven technologies. —*ENS*

AI improving faster than businesses can use it, says Nilekani

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

THE race to build more powerful artificial intelligence (AI) systems may be accelerating at breakneck speed, but businesses are struggling to keep up, said Infosys non-executive chairman Nandan Nilekani.

Speaking at the Infosys Investors AI Day in Bengaluru, he said the technology's rapid progress has created a "deployment gap". Model performance is rising quickly, but companies are not implementing AI at the same pace. "Technology is far ahead of its deployment," he said. "The tech will keep getting better and better... but enterprise deployment is not going to go up."

The technology is improving faster than businesses can realistically use it. The challenge, he suggested, lies not in the models themselves, but in organisations.

A major obstacle is the weight of legacy systems. He says many large enterprises are spending between 60-80% of their IT budgets maintaining old systems. "There is no business value out of that," he said. Companies want to reverse this ratio, investing more in new systems than in maintenance, but can't do so without major clean-ups.

He described how, over decades, firms have layered new technologies on top of old ones rather than replacing them. Security risks compound the issue. Many systems were designed "in an era before you could have online attacks". State and non-state actors are becoming "better at using AI", increasing threat to organisations that have not modernised.

AI is often linked to higher productivity, but Nilekani warned that this can be misleading. Much of the progress people talk about comes from "Greenfield" projects, which means building something new from scratch. In reality, most companies run on older "brownfield systems" that carry technical debt, data locked in silos and poor documentation.

5 years from now, there'll be more AI legacy systems than any other legacy system

Nandan Nilekani, non-executive chairman, Infosys

Lufthansa, Air India to boost India, EU network

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AIR INDIA and German aviation major Lufthansa Group are collaborating to explore increasing connectivity and travel experiences between India and Europe. The two leading carriers intend to partner across multiple strategic areas, including coordinated route planning and flight schedules in specific markets as well as joint sales, marketing and distribution initiatives.

Further cooperation would encompass the joint development and coordination for improved customer experiences in areas such as frequent flyer programmes, IT infrastructure, customer journey, quality assurance, and other mutually beneficial initiatives.

Air India and Lufthansa Group on Tuesday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), establishing the framework for a joint business agreement between their carriers and subsidiaries, including Air India Express, Austrian Airlines, Brussels Airlines, ITA Airways, Lufthansa, Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS), and other affiliated airlines.

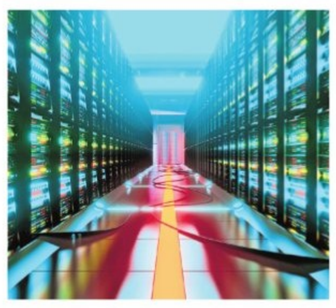
The MoU initially focuses on increasing passenger traffic flows between Air India's home market of India and Lufthansa Group's core home market region, encompassing Germany, Austria, Belgium, Italy and Switzerland. It proposes to include the rest of Europe and the Indian subcontinent, creating opportunities for future expansion.The precise scope, including specific routes and markets, will be finalised upon the formation of a comprehensive joint business agreement, subject to regulatory approvals.

Carsten Spohr, chairman of the Executive Board of Deutsche Lufthansa AG and CEO of the Lufthansa Group said the agreement is a strong signal of mutual determination to open a new chapter in aviation between the EU and India following the landmark trade agreement between both economic regions.

FOCUS AREAS

1. MoU initially focuses on increasing passenger traffic between India & EU
2. The carriers intend to partner across multiple strategic areas
3. Coordination for better customer experiences

Adanis to invest $100 bn in data centres by 2035



Will make partnerships across technology stack

In line with India's 5-layer AI architecture — applications, models, chips, energy and data centres — the Group will participate in partnerships across technology stack. A major portion of GPU capacity will be reserved for Indian AI start-ups, research institutions and deep-tech entrepreneurs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Adani Group on Tuesday announced an investment of $100 billion to develop renewable-energy-powered, hyperscale AI-ready data centres by 2035. In a statement, the company said the move will establish India as a long-term sovereign energy and compute platform, positioning the country as a global leader in the emerging Intelligence Revolution.

As per the company, the investment is likely to catalyse an additional $150 billion by 2035 across server manufacturing, advanced electrical infrastructure, sovereign cloud platforms and related industries. Together, this could create a $250 billion AI infrastructure ecosystem in India over the next decade. "The world is entering an intelligence revolution more profound than any previous industrial revolution," said Gautam Adani, Chairman of Adani Group.

He added, "India is positioned to lead. At Adani, we are building on our foundation in data centres and green energy to expand into complete five-layer AI stack focused on India's technological sovereignty. India will not be a mere consumer in the AI age. We will be creators, builders and exporters of intelligence and we are proud to be able to participate in that future," said Adani.

The road map builds on AdaniConnex's existing 2 GW national data centre platform and aims to expand capacity to 5 GW, positioning India at the centre of the global AI economy.

The Group is also in discussions with major players to establish large-scale data centre campuses across India, further strengthening its position as a key AI infrastructure partner.

The company said the Group will also deepen its data centre partnership with Flipkart. The collaboration will move towards developing a second AI data centre designed to support Flipkart's next-generation digital commerce, high-performance computing and large-scale AI workloads.

The planned 5 GW deployment is expected to create one of the world's largest integrated data centre platforms.

AI BEGINS TO COMPRESS IT SERVICES MODEL: INFY

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

ARTIFICIAL intelligence is beginning to compress parts of the traditional IT services model, even as it opens up new growth areas, as per Infosys chief executive officer Salil Parekh.

Speaking at the company's Investor AI summit, Parekh acknowledged the pressure on existing services. "We see that (pressure) is visible, but it's not large, and it's not insignificant. But we don't see an acceleration of that either at this stage."

Compression here refers to AI-driven productivity, reducing the effort and time needed to deliver IT services, which can put pressure on billing and revenue in traditional time-and-materials contracts.

The company has highlighted a $300 to 400 billion dollar opportunity across six AI-led service areas. But when asked about the net impact after accounting for compression, Parekh said, "We have not quantified that number for any external use at this stage. We have said that the expansion number from what we see today looks larger than the compression."

India, Malaysia CEOs meet in Kuala Lumpur to boost biz ties

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Kochi

LEADING industrialists from India and Malaysia convened in Kuala Lumpur on February 7 and 8 for the India-Malaysia CEOs Forum, a high-level platform aimed at strengthening the bilateral trade and economic cooperation.

Organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in association with the Malaysia-based India CEO Forum, the meeting brought together an exclusive group of business leaders and policymakers from both countries.

The discussions focused on enhancing business-to-business and business-to-government engagement, identifying new investment opportunities, and advancing long-term economic collaboration.

Viju Jacob, executive chairman of Synthite Group, who participated in the forum, said key issues affecting trade and investment were deliberated upon.

ASIANOMICS

THAILAND

GDP GROWTH ACCELERATES ON DOMESTIC DEMAND

Thailand's economic growth accelerated more than expected in the fourth quarter on strong domestic demand, official data revealed Monday. The annual growth in gross domestic product more than doubled to 2.5% in the fourth quarter from 1.2% in third quarter, the National Economic and Social Development Council, or NESDC, reported. Economists had forecast the rate to ease to 1%. On a quarterly basis, GDP rebounded 1.9 percent, reversing the third quarter's 0.3 percent contraction. The expenditure-side of GDP showed that private consumption grew 3.3% due to higher spending on semi-durable goods and services. At the same time, government spending rebounded 1.3% on higher compensation of employees and increased purchases of goods and services. Gross fixed capital formation rose at a faster pace of 8.1% as both public and private investment reported strong growth. Growth in exports softened to 5.6% from 7.6%.

JAPAN

ECONOMY GROWS AT LOWER THAN EXPECTED 0.2% IN Q4

Japan's economy grew by an annualised real 0.2% for the quarter ending December 2025, the first expansion in two quarters but far smaller than market expectations amid the lingering inflation, government data showed on Monday. Analysts expected an annualised real expansion of 1.48% in the October-December quarter, according to a survey of 36 economists conducted by the Japan Center for Economic Research. In the fourth quarter, gross domestic product adjusted for inflation edged up 0.1% from the preceding three-month period, according to preliminary data released by the Cabinet Office. Private consumption, which accounts for more than half of Japan's GDP, grew by 0.1% for the seventh consecutive quarter, lifted by stronger demand for mobile phones and lodging fees, though spending on food and automobiles weakened, according to the office.

SOUTH KOREA

Q4 GROWTH RATE FALLS AMONG MAJOR ECONOMIES

South Korea's economic growth rate in the fourth quarter of last year fell to the lowest tier among major global economies. According to the Bank of Korea's Economic Statistics System on the 17th, South Korea's gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate in the fourth quarter of last year was -0.276%, ranking 22nd out of 24 countries that had released preliminary figures by the previous day. Ireland recorded the lowest growth at -0.571%, followed by Norway at -0.333%, both lower than South Korea. Only five countries, including Canada (-0.1%) and Estonia (-0.012%), experienced negative growth in the fourth quarter. The highest growth was recorded by Lithuania, which grew by 1.709% in the fourth quarter. Indonesia (1.338%), China (1.2%), Poland (1.042%), Portugal (0.8%), and Mexico (0.8%) followed as high-growth countries. South Korea's quarterly growth rate last year showed significant volatility.

US visa fee hikes not to have material impact on domestic IT cos: Moody's

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

NEW US visa fee hikes will not have any material impact on the domestic IT companies as the incremental cost of nearly $250 million is just about 1% of the top four firms' annual revenue, so they will remain resilient on the back of strong profitability and a structural talent gap in the US, which will help offset the new financial pressure.

IT sector represents about 80% of the total services exports from the country, making its health critical to the export growth and the US is the single-largest export market for them, contributing over 53% of their revenue now, down from 60% earlier, Moody's said in a note.

Software exports rose 7.3% during fiscal 2024-25 to $204.7 billion. On-site services, the proportion subject to visa restrictions, accounted for 10% of total software services exports.

Indian firms' increase in local hiring in the US will mitigate some of the impact of US immigration restrictions. Still the US remains their single-largest software-services export market. The share of exports to Europe jumped to 33% in the most recent fiscal year from 23% in fiscal 2016-17, while that for the US declined to 53% from nearly 60% in fiscal 2017.

Stating that large software exporters can absorb the hit, the report said for companies like TCS, Infosys, Wipro and HCL Tech the new visa fees will raise operating expenses by about $100-250 million per annum, but that's only 1% of their revenue and these companies have ample cash reserves and profitability, providing a strong buffer.

Maruti's first EV eVITARA priced at ₹10.99 lakh

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MARUTI Suzuki (MSIL) on Tuesday finally announced the price of its first electric vehicle eVITARA. The auto major launched and commenced deliveries of eVITARA at ₹10.99 lakh with a BaaS (Battery-as-a-Service) ownership plan. Buyers will have to pay an additional Rs 3.99 per kilometre driven, as the battery is provided on a rental basis.

MSIL will announce the full price list of the electric vehicle at a later date. The domestic launch comes months after the carmaker commenced the exports of the new mid-sized electric SUV to various markets. Along with parent Suzuki Motor Corporation, the company aims to sell the car in over 100 nations globally. The EV is currently produced at the Gujarat plant. In 2025, around 13,000 units of eVITARA were exported to 28 countries.

"Maruti Suzuki's EV strategy has been developed to ensure that the eVITARA becomes the primary EV choice for customers," said Partho Banerjee, Senior Executive Officer, Marketing and Sales, Maruti Suzuki India Limited. He added that with over 1,500 EV-ready service centres, specially trained NEXA EV relationship managers and dedicated charging managers, the eVITARA offers complete peace-of-mind. "We are also introducing attractive flexible ownership plans with BaaS, alongside exclusive benefits for early adopters that make the eVITARA an irresistible proposition," stated Banerjee.

Maruti's entry into the segment comes as EV penetration in the domestic car market hovers at around 4-5% with rival carmakers such as Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra and JSW MG Motor taking an early lead. MSIL, which controls 40% of India's car market, had earlier stated that it is confident of becoming the market leader in the EV space as well.

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—Partho Banerjee, Sr executive officer, marketing and sales, Maruti Suzuki India

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No:BCU/Ex.Br./5th Annual Conv./2025-26/616 **Date:17.02.2026**

PRESS RELEASE

The 5th Annual Convocation of Dr Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University is proposed to be held during 1st or 2nd week of April 2026 to award Degree to the students who have completed their Undergraduate & Postgraduate Examinations held up to November / December - 2025 from the various PG Department, Affiliated Colleges & Autonomous Colleges. The Candidates who have not applied for the award of Degree Certificate and passed the Undergraduate & Postgraduate Examinations held up to November / December -2025 may submit their applications on or before 13.03.2026. The details are as follows:

Sl No.	Particulars	Date
1.	Last Date for Submission of duly filled in application to the PG. Department/College without fine up to.	09.03.2026
2.	Last Date for Submission of duly filled in application to the PG. Department/College with penalty fee of Rs.100/-.	13.03.2026
3.	Last Date for submitting the Convocation Applications to the Registrar (Evaluation), Dr. MSBCU along with Online fee receipt in a statement format.	18.03.2026

Eligible candidates may submit online application by visiting the University website www.bcu.ac.in & login to **uucms.karnataka.gov.in,** after submitting the online application, students are required to get printout of the application and submit the same to their Head of the Department of PG Departments / Principals of concerned colleges. Those who have paid the convocation fee during their final semester examination, need not to pay convocation fee again. Candidates who have completed their course and not applied for Convocation Degree Certificate earlier may submit their application along with prescribed fee.

Detailed information and the notification are available in the University website **https://www.bcu.ac.in/**

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The public are hereby notified that my client My Client Sri.K.R.Yathiraju, residing at # 156, 6th Cross, Shastrinagar, Bangalore 560070, is the absolute owner of All the piece and parcel of property bearing No.25, PID No.069-W0204-4, E.P.I.D No.7653500197, Village Assessment No.66/2, situated at Laggere, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, And with respect to the said property the Sale deed dated 15/03/1982, registered as document No.8788/81-82, in Book-1, Volume No.3577 in the office of the Sub-Registrar Bangalore North Taluk document is lost.

My client has lodged a Police Complaint dated 23/01/2026 of Lost Article Report online bearing Complaint No.2024763 and if any person finds the original or has any objection may lodge their objections or hand over the original with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence by registered post within 7days from the date of this publication and objections and /or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

Savitha.Y, Advocate
No.174/1, 2nd Floor, Manjunatha Road, Thyagarajanagar, Bangalore-560070.
Mobile : 9483888521
Place : Bangalore Date : 17/02/2026

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E-AUCTION Sale of Properties on 12.03.2026

Last date of EMD : 11.03.2026

ARM – 2 Branch, 2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.g. Road, Bangalore – 560001. Ph No. : 080-25310181 E-Mail – cb6298@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described imovable propeties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical/Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM Branch-2,** Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **12.03.2026 at 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM,** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

For details with regard to E-Auction & digital signature please contact the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited, Helpdesk Number : 8291220220, Website: https://baanknet.com/**

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **11.03.2026.** **(Rs. in lacs)**

Sl.No.	Name and address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor	Description of the immovable assets	Total Dues Possession Type	a. Reserve Price b. EMD c. Incremental Bid
1.	**1. The Managing Director M/s Technospark Industries India Pvt Ltd** 1341, Kavalbyrasandra, R T Nagar Post, (Near DR.Ambedkar Medical College), Bengaluru – 560032 Karnataka **Also at :** Plot No. 178-A2 & 179-A, KIADB Industrial Area, Vasanthanarasapura 1st Phase, Nagenahalli Post, Kora Hobli, Tumkur – 572 128. **2.Mr Mohan Suresh (Managing Director and Guarantor)** Flat No 604, Block No.E-2, Unit No.WH-87, VI Floor, Sri Ram White House, VI Main, 15th cross, R T Nagar, Bengaluru 560 032. **Also at :** A 1501, Vaishnavi Terrace,Dollars Colony, JP Nagar 4th Phase, Bengaluru 560 078,Karnataka **3. Mrs. Surekha Suresh (Director and Guarantor)** Flat No 604, Block No.E-2, Unit No.WH-87, VI Floor, Sri Ram White House, VI Main, 15th cross, R T Nagar, Bengaluru 560 032 **Also at :** A 1501, Vaishnavi Terrace, Dollars Colony, JP Nagar 4th Phase, Bengaluru 560 078, Karnataka **4. Mr M Sanjeev (Guarantor)** No 359, 17th A Cross, 26th Main Road, J P Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078.	**1.** All that piece and parcel of property Flat Number 1 in the name of Mr. Mohan Suresh situated on the ground floor of the multistoried building known as 'FAMILY YMCA" constructed in the property bearing No 57/4, PID No 92-30-57/4 situated at Miller Road within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 92 (old Corporation Division No 47) measuring super built up area of 1430 square feet in Bangalore along with 286 square feet undivided share and bounded as follows; **East-** Premises Number 1 & 1/1, Bore Bank Road , **West-** Premises No 56 of Millers Road ,**North-** Premises No 3 Bore Bank Road & **South-** Miller Road and Premises No 56, Miller Road (in between Cantonment Railway Station under bridge and St. Johns Church). All that piece and parcel of property Flat Number 2 in the name of Mr. Mohan Suresh situated on the first floor of the multistoried building known as "FAMILY YMCA" constructed in the property bearing No 57/5, PID No 92-30-57/5 situated at Miller Road within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 92 (old Corporation Division No 47) measuring super built up area of 1430 square feet in Bangalore along with 286 square feet undivided share and bounded as follows; **East-** Premises Number 1 & 1/1, Bore Bank Road ,**West-** Premises No 56 of Millers Road, **North-** Premises No 3 Bore Bank Road & **South-** Millers Road and Premises No 56, Millers Road (in between Cantonment Railway Station under bridge and St. Johns Church. All that piece and parcel of property Flat Number 3 in the name of Mr. Mohan Suresh situated on the second floor of the multistoried building known as 'FAMILY YMCA" constructed in the property bearing No 57/6, PID No 92-30-57/6 situated at Miller Road within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 92 (old Corporation Division No 47) measuring super built up area of 1430 square feet in Bangalore along with 286 square feet undivided share and bounded as follows; **East-** Premises Number 1 & 1/1, Bore Bank Road ,**West-** Premises No 56 of Millers Road ,**North-** Premises No 3 Bore Bank Road & **South-** Millers Road and Premises No 56, Millers Road (in between Cantonment Railway Station under bridge and St. Johns Church).	Rs. 36,10,88,245.85 as on 01.02.2026 plus further interest and cost thereon **Symbolic**	a) ₹ 3,90,00,000/- b) ₹ 39,00,000/- c) ₹ 1,00,000/-
		2. All that piece and parcel ofproperty Flat Number 4, in the name of M/s Technospark Industries India Private Ltd, in the 3rd floor, admeasuring Super Built up area of 1430 square feet and 100 square feet land in the back yard to erect lift in the multistoried building known as "Family YMCA" constructed in the property bearing Muncipal No 57, PID No 92-30-57, situated at Millers Road, within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 92 (old Corporation Division number 47) Bangalore along with 286 square feet undivided share and bounded as follows;**East-** Premises Number 1 & 1/1, Bore Bank Road & site nos 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5 and 1/6, Bore Bank Road ,**West-** Premises No 56 of Millers Road, Premises No 38/B, 38/K, 38/J, 38/G, 38/H and Millers Road, , the last four premises situated on the New Road Running near premises number 38/B, Benson Cross and Cottage Belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander. **North-** Premises No 3 Bore Bank Road & Cottage belonging to Mr.Abdul Wajid and another & **South-** Millers Road and Premises No 56, Millers Road.	**Symbolic**	a) ₹ 1,27,00,000/- b) ₹ 12,70,000/- c) ₹ 1,00,000/-
		3. Lease hold rights for Property No. 152500900601920013, Plot No. 178-A2 & 179-A,Sy.No.50,Khata No. 37/37/178/A2/179/A, Vasanthanarasapura Industrial Area, Nagenahalli village, Kora Hobli, Tumkur in the name of M/s Technospark Industries India Pvt Ltd admeasuring 8042 Sq,mtrs or thereabouts and bounded as follows. **North :** Plot No 178 A1 and 178 B , **South :** Plot No 179 C ,**East :** 18 metre wide road no 20 & **West :** Parking.	**Symbolic**	a) ₹ 7,12,00,000/- b) ₹ 71,20,000/- c) ₹ 1,00,000/-

Other terms and conditions : (a) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://baanknet.com/ Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. **(b)** The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer .**(c)** The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. (**d**) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (Baanknet) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. **(e)** After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **11.03.2026**, to Canara Bank, **ARM Branch II Bangalore** by hand OR Email.
(i) Proof of Payment of EMD. **(ii)** Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. (iii) Bid Form. The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com**/and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, **M/s.PSB Alliance (Baanknet) - e- mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com.** EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest. (**f**) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Rs.1,00,000**/-.The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. **(g)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, **Canara Bank, ARM II Branch** OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, **ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298. (h)** For sale proceeds of **Rs.50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty lacs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank.**
(I) All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges etc. As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. **(j)** Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof. **(k)** In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach **Canara Bank Circle office, Bengaluru or Canara Bank ARM II Branch, Bengaluru,** who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements. **(L)** Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank. **(m)** After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act.

For further details contact Chief Manager, Canara Bank , ARM Branch-2- (9113092975, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9483544116, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance(Baanknet)- e- mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Place: Bangalore ,Date : 17.02.2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Canara Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	S R Mango Mandi Represented By Proprietor Syed Riyaz K No 334/9 Syed Wadi Arifsha Mohalla Karnataka Channapatna-562160/'141605011382	(As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Part And Parcel of The Property Bearing Municipal Old No. 334/3, 324/9/3, Assessment No. 5104 And E Katha No. (Pid No.) 16-3-521-23 Measuring East To West 9.14 Mtr And North To South 12.19 Mtr Situated At 23, 3rd Main Road, Block 3, Arif Sha Mohalla, Channapatna Town And Ramanagara Dist, Is Bounded on Below, Owned By Nazima, North:16-3-524-34B Saigud Riaz House South: Road East: Road West: 16-3-522-22 Nasrullah Khan House	December 12, 2025 Rs. 34,18,903.00/-	30/10/ 2024

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: February 18, 2026
Place: Channapatna & Ramanagara

Sincerely Authorised Officer, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(Wholly owned government of Karnataka undertaking)
CIN Number: U04010KA2002SGC030436

:GESCOM/SEE(Procurement)/EE/AEE/25-26/84886-91 Date:16.02.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPP Portal mode only)

Establishment of transformer repair center at the following locations and carrying out repairs to faulty 25KVA, 63KVA, 100 KVA conventional and 3 star rated distribution transformers of concerned O&M Division. 1) PC-1478:Chincholi, 2) **PC-1479**: Sandur, 3) **PC- 1480**: Basavakalyan, 4) **PC-1481** : Manvi, 5) **PC-1482**: Kottur, 6) **PC-1483** : Yadarami, 7) **PC-1484**: Kurugudu, 8) **PC-1485**: Kampli, 9) **PC-1486** : Munirabad, 10) PC-**1487:** Shakti Nagar, 11) **PC-1488** : Gurumittkal, 12)**PC-1489** : Kalagi, 13) PC- **1490** :Kamalpur, 14) **PC-1491** : Karatagi. **Tender Amount : Rs.114.95 Lakhs per each tender, Dates:** Bid documents available at KPP Portal: on or after **18.02.2026**Last Date for Bid submission, Opening of Technical Bid and opening of price Bid : As per KPP Portal. Bidder Qualifying Requirements: As per tender documents. For additional information Contact: **Superintending Engineer El., Procurement Section, Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi-585102.** Mobile: 94484 99997. Web Site Address : **www.kppp.Karnataka.gov.in** For information about the KPP portal, contact the helpline at **+91-8046010000/8068948777** or e-mail address: support@eprochelpdesk.com

Sd/- Superintending Engineer El., Procurement, Corporate Office, GESCOM,Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1087/Deshpande Publicity/2025-26/

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client is proposing to advance certain financial facilities to Melmont Construction Private Limited, a group company of Puravankara Limited (**Puravankara**) against security inter alia by way of mortgage over non-agricultural lands described in the **Schedule** below (**Land**). For this, on client instructions, we are investigating the ownership right, title and interest of Puravankara, having its registered office at No. 130/1, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru - 560042 to the Land.

If any person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) is having any claim/s any right, title, interest, pending litigation or demand of any nature in or upon the Land or any part thereof or against the proposed mortgage above mentioned, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details of the right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation or demand made together with supporting documents within **14 (fourteen)** days from the date of this notice. Failing to do so, it shall be presumed that the ownership right, title and interest of Puravankara to the Land is clear, marketable and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever, no other person has any right, title, interest or claim of any nature whatsoever in respect of the Land or any part thereof and our client will then proceed with proposed mortgage over the Land as above mentioned. Further, claims or alleged interests, if any, not received within **14 (fourteen)** days from the date of publication of this notice shall be deemed to have been consciously waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall thereafter not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of contiguous non-agricultural lands which have been converted for residential purposes, together measuring about **8 acres 36 guntas (excluding 11 guntas 'A' Kharab and 1 ½ guntas 'B' Kharab)** situated in Nellukunte Village, Hesarghatta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Karnataka comprising of:

Sl. No.	Survey No.	Extent (excluding kharab land) Acres	Guntas	'A' Kharab Guntas	'A' Kharab Guntas	Boundaries North by	South by	East by	West by
1.	23	1	2	0	0	Survey No. 24	Survey No. 20	Survey No. 31	Survey No. 22
2.	29/1	1	6	0	0	Survey No. 29/7	Survey No. 29/2	Kadathanamale Village Boundary	Survey Nos. 29/7 and 32
3.	29/3	1	8	0	0	Survey No. 29/2	Survey No. 29/4	Kadathanamale Village Boundary	Survey Nos. 32 and 33
4.	29/7	1	29	11	0	Survey No. 26	Survey Nos. 29/1 and 32	Survey Nos. 29/1 and 30 of Kadathanamale Village	Survey Nos. 26 and 30
5.	29/8	0	11	0	0	Survey No. 29/3	Survey No. 29/14	Kadathanamale Village Boundary	Survey No. 29/4
6.	29/11	0	7 ½	0	½	Survey No. 29/12	Road	Kadathanamale Village Boundary	Survey No. 29/6
7.	29/12	0	2	0	0	Survey No. 29/13	Survey No. 29/11	Kadathanamale Village Boundary	Survey No. 29/6
8.	29/13	0	11 ½	0	0	Survey No. 29/14	Survey No. 29/12	Kadathanamale Village Boundary	Survey Nos. 29/10 and 29/5
9.	29/14	0	8	0	0	Survey No. 29/8	Survey No. 29/13	Kadathanamale Village Boundary	Survey Nos. 29/9 and 29/10
10.	31/1	0	18	0	1	Survey No. 30	Survey No. 31/2	Survey No. 32	Survey No. 23
11.	32	2	13	0	0	Survey Nos. 29/7 and 30	Survey Nos. 31/2 and 33	Survey Nos. 29/1, 29/2, and 29/3	Survey Nos. 30, 31/1, and 31/2

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Date: 18/02/2026
Place: Bengaluru

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, (ಪೂರ್ವ& ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ) ಸಿವಿಲ್ ವಿಭಾಗ ಸಯ್ಯಾಜಿರಾವ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಇ-ಮೇಲ್- eewmccmys@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾ.ಇಂ(ಪೂ&ಪ)/ಸಾ.ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ-25/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.02.2026

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವಿವಿಧ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಒಟ್ಟು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು	ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಚಾಲ್ತಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ
	ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು					
1	ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾಇಂ(ಪೂ)/ಟಿ.ಎನ್-72/2025-26, ದಿನಾಂಕ:17.02.2026	02	43.12	20.02.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11 ರ ನಂತರ	06.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ವರೆಗೆ	07.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಕ್ಕೆ
2	ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾಇಂ(ಪೂ)/ಟಿ.ಎನ್-74/2025-26, ದಿನಾಂಕ:12.02.2026	06	3000.00	12.02.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00ರ ನಂತರ	26.02.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.25 ವರೆಗೆ	27.02.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಕ್ಕೆ
3	ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾಇಂ(ಪೂ)/ಟಿ.ಎನ್-77/2025-26, ದಿನಾಂಕ:17.02.2026	16	1078.70	20.02.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11 ರ ನಂತರ	06.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ವರೆಗೆ	07.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.20 ಕ್ಕೆ
4	ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾಇಂ(ಪ)/ಟಿ.ಎನ್-78/2025-26, ದಿನಾಂಕ:17.02.2026	08	273.18	17.02.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11 ರ ನಂತರ	25.02.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ವರೆಗೆ	26.02.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.20 ಕ್ಕೆ
5	ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾಇಂ(ಪ)/ಟಿ.ಎನ್-79/2025-26, ದಿನಾಂಕ:17.02.2026	04	138.60	17.02.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11 ರ ನಂತರ	03.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ವರೆಗೆ	04.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.20 ಕ್ಕೆ
	ಗೂಡ್ಸ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ					
6	ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾಇಂ(ಪೂ)/ಟಿ.ಎನ್-73/2025-26, ದಿನಾಂಕ:16.02.2026	01	11.50	17.02.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11 ರ ನಂತರ	03.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.25 ವರೆಗೆ	04.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಕ್ಕೆ
	ಸರ್ವೀಸ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ					
7	ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾಇಂ(ಪೂ)/ಟಿ.ಎನ್-75/2025-26, ದಿನಾಂಕ:16.02.2026	01	99.00	18.02.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11 ರ ನಂತರ	03.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.25 ವರೆಗೆ	04.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಕ್ಕೆ
8	ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾಇಂ(ಪೂ)/ಟಿ.ಎನ್-76/2025-26, ದಿನಾಂಕ:16.02.2026	09	99.30	18.02.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11 ರ ನಂತರ	03.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.25 ವರೆಗೆ	04.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಕ್ಕೆ

ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರವನ್ನು ಕಚೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಪೂರ್ವ ಮತ್ತು ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ)ಸಿವಿಲ್‌ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೂಚನೆ: ಮುಂದೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಸೂಚನೆ/ಬದಲಾವಣೆ / ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಯಾವುದೇ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಪೂ) ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಮೈಸೂರು/1682/ಶಿರಡಿ ಸಾಯಿ/2025-26

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಪ) ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Sri Appenna @ Appayanna and others** have filed the above petition for the death certificate of **Narayanappa S/o Late Gangappa was died on 14-02-1998** at Ward No.10, Neeleri. Devanahalli Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District . If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Civil Judge & JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 25.3.2026 at 11.00 A.M. in C.Misc.No. 681/2025.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri A. Narayanaswamy, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that **G. YUVARAJ S/o of Late A. Gopal,** No.9, Murugan Arul Nilayam, Markham Road, 3rd Cross, Ashoknagar, Bangalore-560 025, has either lost or misplaced the following Original documents **1)** Sale Deed dated 29-01-1930, document No.2129, **2)** Sale Deed dated 19-11-1930, document No.1056, **3)** Deed of Gift dated 11-05-1944, document No.991, **4)** Sale Deed dated 14-10-1946, document No.1880 and **5)** Deed of Sale dated 29-01-1951, document No.2129, all registered in the Office of Sub-Registrar, Civil Station (now Shivajinagar), Bangalore, pertaining to the Property bearing **Municipal No.9, PID No.76-58-9, E.P.I.D. No.7264586069, situated at Markham Road 3rd Cross, BBMP Ward No.111, Bangalore,** and he has lodged a complaint with Bengaluru City Police vide Lost Article Report **No.1697585/2025, dated 11-07-2025** and the same were not found even after best efforts and extensive search. Any finder may kindly contact and return the same to the undersigned and will be suitably rewarded.

T.M.SYED AFZAL AHMED (Advocate)
No.151/1-A, Lal Masjid Complex, Jumma Masjid Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051,
M : 9845546676 / 08041643307

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mr.Anjan Kumar K S/o Mr.Kumar Babu M.N** is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Smt. Beere Lakshmi @ B.Lakshmi W/o Sri.B.Nageswara Rao;** person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Residential Vacant Property bearing Site No. 35, situated in the layout known as "SUDARSHAN GRAND ENCLAVE," located at Chokkanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk; the property is identified by BBMP e-PID No. 6896018647 and Katha No. 1281/121/94/2, falling within the administrative limits of BBMP Ward No. 5; admeasuring East to West: 60 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet, for a total extent of 2,400 Square Feet, together with a compound wall constructed of brick and cement on and is bounded on the:
East by: 30 Feet Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Club House, South by: Property bearing Site No.36

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that **M/s. SKPSJ PARTNERS,** a Partnership Firm, proposes to purchase the immovable properties described in the Schedules hereunder:

Schedule I Property from Sri. A. Muni Anjinappa, S/o. D.S. Anjinappa, and his family members, being the owners of the said property; And

Schedule II Property from Sri. Narayansaswamy, S/o. D.S. Anjinappa, and his family members, being the owners of the said property.

Any person/s, bank, financial institution, or authority having any right, title, interest, claim, lien, charge, mortgage, lease, inheritance right, easement or any other encumbrance whatsoever over the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to notify the same in writing with supporting documents to the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice.

If no claims are received within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that no such claims exist, and the purchaser shall proceed with the transaction, and any such claims, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE I PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE land bearing **Sy.No.81/1A2,** measuring **09 Guntas out of 30 Guntas,** situated at **Atturu Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, and bounded on the:**
East : Land belongs to M Gopal & Ramesh
West : Land belongs to Pullamma
North : Land belongs to A Narayanaswamy
South : Land belongs to A Ramesh & A Muni Anjinappa

SCHEDULE II PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the immovable property bearing **Survey No.81/3** measuring **18 Guntas,** situated at **Atturu Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore** and bounded on the:
East by : Road & Property belongs to Papanna
West by : Property belongs to Munikrishnappa
North by : Property belongs to Mr. Anjinappa
South by : Kunte

Mallika & Associates, Advocates,
No. 430, DSK Building, 2nd Floor, Varthur Road, Ramagondanahalli, Opp. to DNR Corp Atmosphere Apartment, Whitecield, Bangalore – 560066.
Ph.No.+91-8496986344.
Place: Bangalore Date: 17.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our Client intends to purchase below mentioned Schedule Property from **(i) Mrs. GEETHA P NAYAK** aged about 85 years wife of Late. Mr. Prabhakar Nayak, residing at #53, 13th Cross, between 4th main and 6th main, Opp: Jayanthi Apartment, Malleshwaram, Bangalore – 560003, **(ii) Mr. K NARESH NAYAK** aged about 62 years son of Late Mr. K. Prabhakar Nayak, residing at No. 5-6-468/3, Radha Krishna Krupa, Varakadi Lane, Dongarakeri Kodiyalabyl, Mangaluru, Dakshina Kannada – 575003, **(iii) Mr. SATISH NAYAK** aged about 60 years son of Late. Mr. Prabhakar Nayak residing at #53, 13th Cross, between 4th main and 6th main, Opp: Jayanthi Apartment, Malleshwaram, Bangalore – 560003, **(iv) Mr. JAYESH NAYAK K** aged about 53 years son of Late Mr. K. Prabhakar Nayak, residing at Unit 506, 61 Town Center Court, Toronto, ONT, Canada M1P 5CS and currently residing at # 53, 13th Cross, between 4th Main and 6th Main, Opp: Jayanthi Apartment, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru – 560003. **("Owners").**

The Owners state that they are the absolute joint owners of the Schedule Property and are in jointly possession of the same and the Schedule Property is free from any kind of encumbrance, suits, proceedings under any statute. Any person or persons asserting any right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, gift, inheritance, bequest, possession, lis pendens, maintenance, easement, memorandum of understanding, agreement, power of attorney, option, right of first refusal, pre-emption or otherwise whatsoever is hereby required to notify the same in writing to the undersigned within a period of **Seven (7) days** from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof thereof failing which our Client will treat the title of the Schedule Property as clear and marketable and will proceed to enter into the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing the Residential **Site No. 254,** measuring East to West: **60 ft,** North to South: **40 ft.,** measuring **2400 sq. ft.,** consisting of RCC Roofed, Ground and First Floor measuring 2020.98 sq. ft., in the layout known as 'KSRTC Employees Co-Operative Housing Society" having New BBMP E-PID No. 4444130835 and old BBMP PID No. 57-114-254, situated at **Narayanappa Setty Palya, Marenahalli, Sarakki II Stage,** currently coming under the limits of BBMP having Ward No. 177 - J P Nagar, Bengaluru – 560078 and bounded on:-
East by : Site No. 267;
West by : 7th Main Road;
North by : Site No. 253; and
South by : Site No. 255.

Sadananda P Naganur / Soumya V Diwakar
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INDIA LOOK TO REMAIN UNBEATEN

INDIA ARE ALREADY IN THE SUPER 8S BUT THEY WILL BE KEEN TO CONTINUE THEIR UNBEATEN RUN AGAINST A BELEAGUERED NETHERLANDS ON WEDNESDAY. A LOOK..

Abhishek twin failures

Having established himself as one of the most dangerous batters in the shortest format over the last 18 months, Abhishek Sharma is yet to go ballistic in the ICC event at home so far. Although his high-risk approach has won games for India, his failures (four ducks in the last six innings) may be a concern for the team management.

Bowling combination

Kuldeep Yadav replaced Arshdeep Singh in the previous match. The pacer, however, may return in the playing XI. Jasprit Bumrah will be another pacer.

India vs Netherlands @ Ahmedabad | 7PM

Other matches

South Africa vs UAE @ Delhi | 11 AM

Pakistan vs Namibia @ Colombo | 3PM

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIOHOTSTAR

Axar, common man's superstar

All-rounder set to play his first World Cup match at his home ground

GOMESH S @ Ahmedabad

SOME TIME in January 2024, Axar Patel was sitting in the press conference room of IS Bindra Stadium, Mohali, taking questions after India's win against Afghanistan in the first T20I. After a 2/23 spell, Axar, who had missed the 2023 ODI World Cup at home due to a last-minute injury, was asked about the road to the T20 World Cup in the West Indies and the United States. The left-arm spin-bowling all-rounder explained how he wanted to get through the series and focus on the IPL season rather than thinking about the T20 WC. As he went on, Axar, in his inimitable style, chuckled before saying, *"Mera aap ne record dekha he hoga ki... Kuch bhi kar sakta hoon mein toh* (You all know my record anyways, I can do anything)," and laughed.

That was Axar. That's his personality — quiet, unassuming athlete who does not take himself too seriously. Having grown up and lived all his life in Nadiad — about 50km from Ahmedabad — it does not take long to understand that Axar has always been that person, a star who usually rooted to the ground just like a common man. It may sound as an exaggeration for an elite Indian cricketer who leads the Delhi Capitals franchise in IPL and is also the vice-captain of the national team in the ongoing T20 World Cup, but in Axar's case, it isn't. His childhood friend Keval Patel vouches for it. "He is a common man (aam aadmi), the same as when we were as kids. There are a few responsible changes since becoming a dad, but he is still a down-to-earth person who has his share of fun with his friends. He still lives in the same apartment where he grew up and plays with kids around the neighbourhood when in the city," Keval tells this daily.

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Nicknamed 'Bapu' by MS Dhoni, Axar's nature comes from the childhood he has had and the guiding influence of his father Rajesh Patel. Even as a kid, the all-rounder showed streaks of maturity beyond his age when it came to cricket. The turning point came when his grandmother passed away in the middle of a match and Axar could reach home only two days later. His father told him that her last wish was to see Axar donning the India cap. That dream came true in 2014, but the World Cup dream remained elusive. He played the 2022 T20 World Cup, where India got eliminated in the semifinal and came close to featuring in the home ODI World Cup the year after, before missing out due to injury. It came as a massive blow, but his friends and family made sure Axar was not alone.

Finally, his time has come

Axar's time came in 2024 when he played a crucial part in India's T20 WC triumph, especially with a game-changing 31-ball 47 in the final. From thereon, his stature grew in the team as Axar went on to win the Champions Trophy and is now all set to play in Ahmedabad — his home state and ground — in a WC match for the very first time. Axar had an injury scare before this World Cup that sent everyone back home into a frenzy. "When he came to play after his injury, we were worried. Everyone was worried. We even asked him if he was okay," Keval says. However, he recovered and has played an integral part in India's unbeaten campaign so far.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Yuvraj's ton in vain, NZ win

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

YUVRAJ Samra's historic ton for Canada went in vain as New Zealand banked on their experience to beat their opponents by eight wickets in the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Tuesday. With this win, the Kiwis qualify to the Super 8 stages of the tournament, joining South Africa, West Indies, England, Sri Lanka and India.

In the chase, New Zealand faced a brief hiccup after their explosive duo of Tim Seifert and Finn Allen were sent back in quick succession. Rachin Ravindra, coming on the back of a rough patch in this format and Glenn Phillips, built a solid partnership to guide the Kiwis home

Both Phillips and Ravindra were calm and went about the task in a professional manner, Phillips' six off Ansh Patel over long off where the ball was lofted with precision had grace written all over it. By 13 overs the pair took the score from 30 for 2 to 148 for two and put New Zealand on the path of victory. Daryl Mitchell, New Zealand's stand-in captain was pleased with his team's effort and gave an update on Mitchell Santner's health. "He's (Santner) obviously felt a bit poor, but he seems to be improving as the day goes on. But yeah, I think he'll be fine for the next one, I'm sure."

NZ VS CAN

Glenn Phillips and Rachin Ravindra celebrate NZ win on Tuesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

For Canada, they will be kicking themselves after putting such a brilliant display with the bat. After Samra's century, Canada could not cause damage with the ball. In fact, they were counterproductive to their cause. Out of the 14 extras that they bowled, 11 of them came from wides. This helped New Zealand ease the pressure in their chase, especially after losing two big wickets.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Ton that could lift Canada

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

WHILE Yuvraj Samra is bound to hog the limelight after being the first centurion from Canada in the T20 World Cup (also the youngest at this level), his innings could carry huge significance when it comes to the growth of the sport in the country.

Canada is known for ice hockey. Their men's team are ranked on top in the International Ice Hockey Federation's rankings (IIHF), while the women's team are ranked second in the world. However, cricket is still at its nascent stages in Canada, a country that featured in one of the first cricket matches in the late 18th century. The biggest stumbling block when it comes to cricket is the weather. Tuesday's centurion Yuvraj explained the difficulties in training there. "In Canada, it's not that easy, because we only get three months to play. And it's, like, minus 25, (to) minus 30 (degree Celsius) weather, so it's really hard. We try to visit other countries, like Sri Lanka. The countries have good weather. It's really hard playing cricket there (Canada). But I feel like we have good management. They back us. They take us on pretours. And I feel like we get good preparation there," he said after Canada's eight-wicket loss.

Canada's Yuvraj Samra celebrates his century on Tuesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Nepal register maiden victory

ENS @ Chennai

NEPAL ended their 12-year-wait for just their third win in the T20 World Cup, as they rounded off their 2026 T20 World Cup campaign by beating Scotland by seven wickets in Mumbai on Tuesday. Dipendra Singh Airee scored 50 runs off 23 balls and remained unbeaten to guide the Rhinos home. After a good start by Kushal Bhurtel and Aasif Sheikh, Airee, along with Gulsan Jha (24 n.o) built a 73-run stand for the fourth wicket.

SCO VS NEP

The Scots, who chose to bat first earlier did not have any answer to Sompal Kami. Kami, the Right arm Fast medium bowler scalped three wickets to help Nepal restrict to 170. Opener Michael Jones, who scored 71 runs for Scotland, also fell to Kami. With this win, Nepal remain bottom, despite being level on points with Scotland and Italy, as their Net Run Rate (NRR) is at -1.349. **Brief scores:** Scotland: 170/7 in 20 ovs (M Jones 71; S Kami 3/25) **lost to** Nepal: 171/3 in 20 ovs (D Singh Airee 50 n.o; M Leask 3/30).

OZ OUT AS ZIMBABWE ENTER SUPER 8s

AGENCIES @ Pallekele

ZIMBABWE on Tuesday entered the Super 8s stage of the T20 World Cup after their crucial Group B match against Ireland was washed out due to rain, a result that also eliminated former champions Australia and Ireland from the tournament.

Both teams were awarded one point each. The shared points took Zimbabwe to five, enough to secure a Super 8s berth. They will face India in their opening Super 8s match on February 26 in Chennai.

"As much as we have achieved, it is just a tick in the box and not the whole box. There will be a small celebration, but we will then focus on the next game. It is just a small tick in what we have set out to achieve," Zimbabwe skipper Sikandar Raza said.

Pak govt has taken this to inhumane level: Gower

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

AS many as 14 former captains including Sunil Gavaskar and Kapil Dev on Tuesday wrote a letter to the Pakistan government expressing their concerns about jailed cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan's deteriorating health. The letter urged the Pakistan government to provide Imran adequate medical attention and dignified conditions in line with international standards.

Former England captain David Gower is one among them. The former left-hand batter in a reply to an email sent to him said, "The initiative came from Australia. It was Greg Chappell who asked if I would sign, to which I said yes at once." The 68-year-old former top-order batter, who scored 8231 runs in 117 Tests, said the last time he saw Imran was in the Prime Minister's residence. "I have huge admiration for Imran as a player and captain of Pakistan and the last time I saw him was in the Prime Minister's residence in Islamabad."

Notably, Pakistan has a history of arresting and jailing former prime ministers. Gower reiterated the same. "I understand that it is not the first time that an outgoing PM in Pakistan has been imprisoned or worse. Indeed his predecessor suffered in similar fashion. However, this current administration has taken this to an inhumane level. The very least one would hope is that a fair trial (or trials) should be held forthwith."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

BBL interested in hosting games at Chepauk

GOMESH S @ Ahmedabad

IN an interesting development, Cricket Australia is considering hosting Big Bash League games at the MA Chidambaram Stadium next season. Two CA officials apparently had already visited the venue and had meetings with the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association. It is understood that they have expressed interest in hosting a BBL game at the home of the Chennai Super Kings.

"Two CA officials visited the stadium already," a source in the know of things told this daily. "They have expressed interest in hosting BBL games in Chennai. They have informed the BCCI regarding the same," the source added. The BCCI is yet to get back to the CA.

Reported first by SEN Cricket in Australia, the discussion is in its early stages as the move may not be straightforward. The second-oldest cricket stadium in India, Chennai, has a rich cricketing history and culture, with fans turning up in thousands even for the non-India games during the ongoing ICC Men's T20 World Cup. For CA to host BBL games in Chennai or any other Indian city, they will have to work things out with the BCCI, respective state associations as well as the broadcasters both in India and back home. CA will also have to discuss with all the teams in the BBL and get them on board.

Cricket Australia's move comes at a time when every franchise league is looking to tap into the Indian market, which not just provides the prime television audience but also a cricket-frenzy fanbase and sponsors.

The SA20 league has all six teams owned by IPL franchises. Four of the eight teams in The Hundred are owned by companies with stakes in the Indian Premier League.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Qarabag FK vs Newcastle | 11:15 PM

On a two-game winning run, Newcastle will be hopeful of being the fifth English club to be part of knockouts this season.

Bodo/Glimt vs Inter | 1:30 AM

Inter head into the tie after six straight wins, including Saturday's last-minute 3-2 triumph over Juventus, a result that increased its Serie A lead. They will be hoping to make it seven when they meet Bodo/Glimt, who have displayed that they have the ability to upset big teams.

Nick Woltemade scored in Newcastle's 3-1 victory over Aston Villa in the FA Cup on Saturday. He'll be hoping to be on the scoresheet vs Qarabag FK | AP

Other matches (1:30 AM; Ist Thursday)

Olympiacos vs Leverkusen; Club Brugge vs Atletico

LIVE ON SONY PICTURES NETWORK

Shooters' strong returns a step in right direction

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

WORLD Championships, World Cups, Asian Championships or domestic competitions, Indian shooters always aim for excellence. The hunger and desire to improve constantly has helped them break numerous barriers in recent years. The size of the aforementioned competitions might be different, but the Indians continue to set the bar high. The recent Asian Championship (rifle and pistol), which was conducted at New Delhi, was a case in point. The season is still raw and there are bigger fishes to fry for the shooting bunch but they did what was expected of them by winning medals in abundance.

Powerhouses China gave the event a miss. And so did Iran (reportedly due to visa complications) but Indian, using home advantage to their advantage, shooters ended up being regular podium visitors.

With five gold, five silver and six bronze, Indians medalled in all the Olympic-discipline events during the continental meet that was held from February 2 to 14.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Karnataka in driver's seat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

KARNATAKA maintained their stranglehold over Uttarakhand on Day 3 as they finished with a towering total of 736 before reducing the latter to 149/5 in the semifinals of the Ranji Trophy in Lucknow on Tuesday. Resuming at 689/6, centurion Ravichandran Smaran (135) was the first wicket to fall and Uttarakhand, led by left-arm spinner Mayank Mishra, got rid of the tail in quick time. Aditya Rawat finished with four wickets. In reply, Uttarakhand were reeling at 149/5 with Lakshya Raichandani scoring a fighting 52.

Shami sizzles but J & K on top

In the other semis, Jammu & Kashmir put themselves in the driver's seat by dominating Day 3 against Bengal at Kalyani. Resuming at 198/5, J & K, thanks to vital contributions by the tail, finished at 302, falling short of Bengal's first innings total of 328 by 26 runs. Veteran Mohammed Shami was the clear standout as he finished with a eight-wicket haul (8/90). **Brief scores:** Karnataka 736 in 194.4 ovs (Padikkal 232, Rahul 141, Smaran 135; Rawat 4/154) vs Uttarakhand 149/5 in 69 ovs (Raichandani 52 n.o; Vidyadhar 2/26). Bengal 328 & 99 (Shahbaz 24; Auqib 4/36, Sunil 4/27) vs J & K 302 & 43/2.

EXPRESS READ

Pratika added to squad for Oz ODI series

NEW DELHI: Having recuperated from an ankle injury, batter Pratika Rawal was on Tuesday added to India's women's cricket squad for a three-match ODI series against Australia beginning February 24 in Brisbane. Rawal picked up the injury during the World Cup last year while fielding during a game against Bangladesh. She was replaced by Shafali Verma in the tournament that India went on to win for the first time.

Hardik to lead India in Hobart leg

NEW DELHI: Midfielder Hardik Singh was on Tuesday named captain of the embattled Indian men's hockey team for its FIH Pro League matches in Hobart from February 20 to 25 after regular skipper Harmanpreet Singh was left out "due to personal reasons." The upcoming leg of the tournament will feature India alongside Spain and hosts Australia at the Tasmania Hockey Centre in Hobart.

Marseille sporting director returns

MARSEILLE: Marseille's chaotic season took another twist on Tuesday as sporting director Medhi Benatia returned to the club two days after quitting. He resigned on Sunday, just days after the departure of coach Roberto De Zerbi. But, in a statement, the club's American owner Frank McCourt said Benatia had agreed to come back until the end of the season to "oversee all sporting activities."

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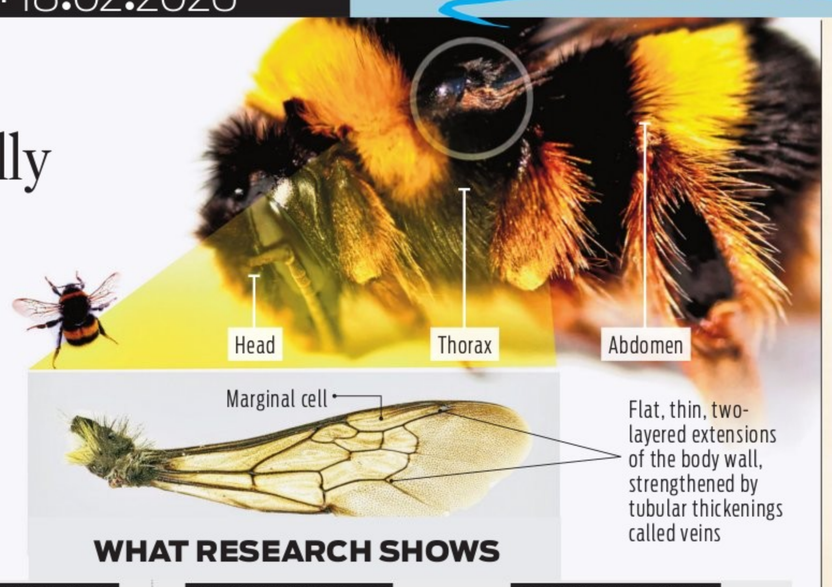
MYTHS & FACTS

THINK AGAIN

Do bumblebees really defy physics?



● **THE MYTH:** Bumblebees are too heavy and clumsy to fly. Early calculations suggested their small wings cannot generate enough lift, making their flight "physically impossible"

● **THE REALITY:** Bumblebees fly efficiently using a different kind of aerodynamics. Their wings move back and forth, not up and down, creating swirling air currents that keep them airborne

WHAT RESEARCH SHOWS

WING MOTION MATTERS
1. Bumblebees flap their wings sideways, generating lift through rotation rather than simple up-and-down movement

VORTICES DO THE LIFTING
2. The wing motion creates tiny whirlwinds in the air. These low-pressure zones above the wings help the bee stay aloft

NOT PLANE PHYSICS
3. Bee flight does not follow airplane aerodynamics. It relies on fluid dynamics at small scales, where air behaves differently

PROVEN ON CAMERA
4. High-speed photography and robotic wing experiments have confirmed how bees generate enough force to fly — *Tamreen Sultana*

SCIENCE IN PLAIN SIGHT

Our typos are only meant to tset you

EVN wtih mltiple msitkaes, the msesage is sitll clrlaey uesdnrotsod — If you read that effortlessly, your brain just performed a quiet trick. The brain does not scan each letter in strict order. As long as the first and last letters are in place, the mind often reconstructs the rest.

This is reinforced by what scientists call saccadic eye movements. When we read, our eyes do not move in a smooth line across the page. Instead, they make rapid jumps, briefly stopping at points that carry the most info. Short, familiar words such as "the" or "of" are often skimmed as the brain anticipates them before the eyes fully register them. Skilled readers depend on this mechanism to maintain fluency and pace without sacrificing comprehension. But there is a downside. Since the brain prioritises meaning over precise detail, it can easily overlook repeated words and minor spelling errors.

CELLULAR DELIGHT

TAPPING YEAST TO SET CANCEROUS CELLS RIGHT

RESEARCHERS may have found a way to reverse several forms of cancer by going to the root of the problem. Cancer is a result of uncontrolled cell proliferation. It occurs when the organelles called mitochondria — responsible for cell respiration and energy production — fail and cause abnormal proliferation, which leads to malignant tumours.

Researchers from the Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares Carlos III (CNIC) and the Spanish network for research into frailty and healthy aging (CIBERFES) found that baker's yeast, Saccharomyces cerevisiae, carries an enzyme called ScURA, which helps yeast survive without oxygen while evolving alternative metabolic pathways to produce the molecular building blocks required for RNA and DNA synthesis. Instead of oxygen, ScURA uses fumarate, a metabolite derived from nutrients.

When the team extracted the gene encoding this enzyme and inserted it into affected human cells, it enabled DNA and RNA synthesis even when the mitochondrial respiratory chain was blocked. Unlike the equivalent human enzyme, which is physically linked to the mitochondria, the yeast version used an alternative metabolic pathway to ensure the normal function of the human cells. They found the diseased cells grew under normal conditions, just like cells from healthy individuals, opening avenues for future treatments for diseases that currently have no cure.

Simply SCIENTIFICO

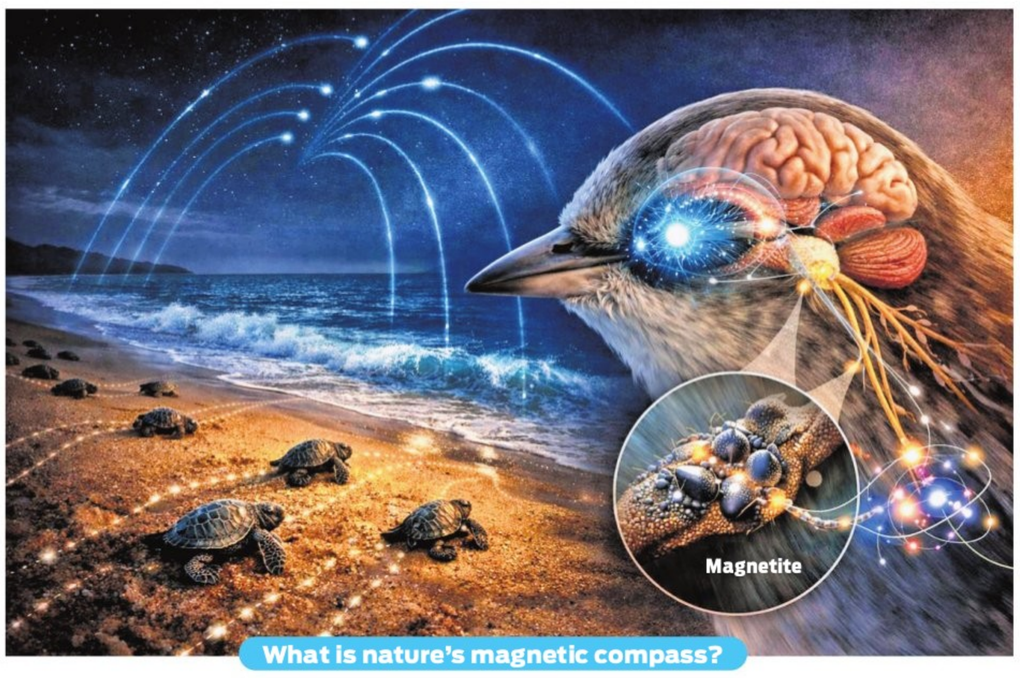
Science is a world in itself. Here are some interesting facts that connect with you

Nirad Mudur

FOR SCI-FI LOVERS ● The Three-Body Problem ● Children of Memory ● The Calcutta Chromosome ● Project Hail Mary ● The Last Kids on Earth ● Rendezvous with Rama

GLOBETROTTERS' MAGNETIC MYSTERY

What molecule in a brain no larger than a pea helps birds navigate?



What is nature's magnetic compass?

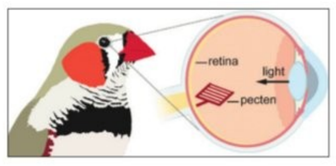
Magnetoreception is the ability of living organisms to sense Earth's magnetic field for orientation and navigation

Observed across species including olive ridley turtles, migratory birds, butterflies and shorebirds

Olive ridley hatchlings along Odisha's coast instinctively orient towards the Bay of Bengal within minutes of entering the sea

India lies along the Central Asian Flyway, one of the world's busiest migratory corridors, funnelling millions of birds each season

HOW DOES IT WORK?



Cryptochrome hypothesis

(Vision-linked mechanism)

Focuses on light-sensitive proteins in the bird's retina

Quantum 'radical-pair' reactions between unpaired electrons

Earth's magnetic field may alter these reactions, influencing visual processing and orientation

Magnetite hypothesis

(Iron-based sensors)

Centres on microscopic iron particles, known as magnetite, found in animal tissues

These particles may function as biological sensors aligned to magnetic fields. Signals could be relayed to the brain via the trigeminal nerve, which carries sensory information from the face and beak. The precise molecular & cellular mechanism is unresolved

Do humans have it?

A 2019 experiment exposed participants to controlled rotations of Earth-strength magnetic fields. Researchers observed drops in alpha brain waves, a pattern associated with sensory detection

It suggested a subconscious response to magnetic changes. But the findings are debated, and there is no confirmed evidence that humans possess a conscious magnetic sense

DEEPIKA KOLLURU @ Hyderabad

ON moonless nights between February and April along Odisha's coast, the sand begins to stir. Olive ridley hatchlings, no larger than a child's palm, tear free from their shells and push through the sand to brave the foamy surf seaward. They have never tested these waters. No parent waits to lead them. Yet, in minutes in shallow water, their bodies orient with startling precision, maintaining a steady offshore course into the Bay of Bengal, as if responding to a signal beyond sight.

This instinctive alignment to an unseen force recurs across the animal kingdom. Shorebirds descend from the steppes of Central Asia onto India's wetlands. Warblers arrive from Siberia, navigating continents. Butterflies ride monsoon winds across peninsular distances. Each migration is steered by brains no larger than a pea.

Scientists call the phenomenon magnetoreception: the ability to sense Earth's magnetic field. It is often described as biology's most elusive sense. And the implications of its research are believed to reach far beyond animals.

Geographically, India sits astride the Central Asian Flyway, one of Earth's busiest avian highways, funneling millions of globetrotters overhead each season. Yet studies on magnetic navigation in the subcontinent are limited. In a 2021 experiment, biologists Tushar Tyagi and Sanjay Kumar Bhardwaj of Ch. Charan Singh University in Meerut gently rotated the horizontal component of Earth's magnetic field for night-migrating red-headed buntings. The Indian-wintering birds responded, shifting their flight directions, offering evidence that these tiny migrants navigate with a functional magnetic compass.

At labs in Japan, Europe and the United States, researchers are peering into the brains of migratory animals, trying to decipher how the planet's faint magnetic field is translated into neural code. Researchers, including Sanjay Kumar Bhardwaj, note that the focus is on identifying the precise molecule where these quantum-level reactions occur, maintaining that it has the potential to push the limits of biology itself.

In birds, one leading hypothesis centres on light-sensitive cryptochrome proteins in the retina, where quantum radical-pair reactions involving unpaired electrons may allow magnetic fields to subtly shape visual processing. Another strand of research points to microscopic iron-based particles called magnetite, thought to function as biological sensors that may relay signals to the brain via the trigeminal nerve (the cranial nerve carrying sensory information from the face and beak). These remain competing clues; the molecular and cellular machinery of magnetoreception, according to sensory biologists, is still enigmatic. Even as neuroscientists wrestle with the curious case of magnetoreception in animals, existing theories hint at a deeper possibility: humans may not be entirely without it. As biologist Tushar Tyagi observed, the more we learn about how animals read the planet, the harder it is to believe we are entirely cut off from it.

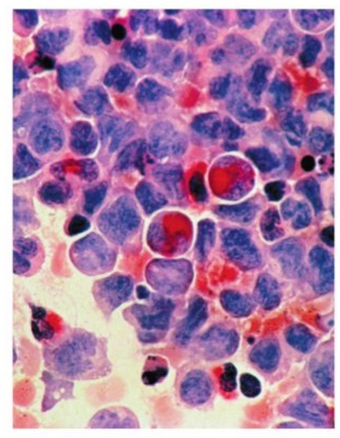
"So many species are believed to sense Earth's magnetic field as naturally as we see or hear. Why would we be an exception? But this is not settled science. It remains unproven, and the findings do not imply humans possess a conscious magnetic sense," says Prof. Kousik Sarathy Sridharan, Head (Heritage Science & Technology) and Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering at IIT Hyderabad.

A few studies abroad (2019 Caltech experiment) suggest that this capacity may lie buried beneath awareness; not merely waiting in the dark to be discovered, but actively working within it, without our knowing. In that work, controlled rotations of Earth-strength magnetic fields triggered drops in alpha brain waves (8–13 Hz), a neural signature of sensory detection and attention shift, though the findings are debated.

Prof. Sridharan notes that researchers have long known oxygenated and deoxygenated blood behave differently in magnetic fields. Hemoglobin carrying oxygen is diamagnetic, while deoxygenated hemoglobin is paramagnetic, interacting weakly with magnetic fields. This contrast underpins functional MRI, which maps brain activity by detecting subtle magnetic changes associated with shifts in blood oxygenation.

He cautions, however, that such comparisons must be made carefully. "MRI scanners typically operate at 1.5–3 tesla, whereas Earth's magnetic field is only about 50 microtesla (tens of thousands of times weaker)." Whether biological systems can naturally detect signals that weak is an open scientific question.

Magnetoreception may not feature among the themes of the ongoing BioAsia 2026 in Hyderabad, but the summit's emphasis on TechBio, the convergence of biology, AI-driven analytics, molecular engineering, and high-precision instrumentation, reflects the very toolkit global researchers rely on to probe subtle sensory mechanisms. A reminder that breakthroughs in one corner of biology often hinge on tools forged in another.



Predictable laws, wild outcomes ... it's chaos

SWETAMBER DAS

CHAOS sounds dramatic. It brings to mind traffic snarls, stock market fluctuations, or a toddler emptying every cupboard in the house. In everyday language, anything messy or unpredictable gets labelled chaotic. But in science, chaos means something far more precise and far more fascinating.

Chaos is not about chance or even imperfect measurements. For instance, the outcome of rolling a die is not chaotic. Physicists use the term to describe systems that follow well-defined rules, yet remain impossible to predict over time.

That may sound contradictory. Consider a dripping tap. The laws governing it are straightforward, yet after a few drops, you can no longer predict the precise moment the next one will fall. Or take a double pendulum — a pendulum with a second hinge added midway. Set it swinging twice from what seems like the same position and the trajectories soon part ways. The difference lies in something almost invisible: the starting conditions are never perfectly identical.

In chaotic systems, even the tiniest variation can amplify into dramatically different outcomes — the phenomenon known as the butterfly effect.

This hypersensitivity to initial conditions is the hallmark of chaos. Mathematically, chaotic systems are nonlinear: outputs are not directly proportional to inputs. That nonlinearity allows tiny differences to grow exponentially, making long-term prediction impossible. Importantly, unpredictability emerges over time.

Short-term forecasts can remain meaningful. The Lyapunov exponent measures how fast two nearly identical trajectories separate. In chaotic systems, it is positive, indicating rapid divergence. In linear systems, it is near zero.

While there exist standard mathematical methods to determine the Lyapunov exponent of a system, the deeper mechanism behind the development of chaos has a geometric origin. A convenient way to study a system's dynamics is to represent its state as a point on a graph with an appropriate number of axes. For a double pendulum, this graph is 2D, with position on one axis and momentum on the other. A single point on this graph represents the system's state at a given instant. Now imagine selecting a tiny patch of nearby points in this space and evolving them using the same governing rules. In a chaotic system, this small region is rapidly stretched and folded, causing the points to mix thoroughly over time. Much like kneading dough by hand, the repeated stretching and folding produces ever finer filaments. These intricate structures are known as fractals and are objects of intense mathematical interest.

NOT ALL MESSY

Chaos can help refine weather forecasting, address power grid fluctuations and irregular electronic signals. Even secure communication can exploit chaotic dynamics to mask information

Like the maths behind chaos, its history is equally fascinating. It was the renowned French mathematician Henri Poincaré who first glimpsed chaotic behaviour while studying the **three-body problem** in 1887. He realised that a system of three bodies moving under gravity, such as the Sun, Earth, and Moon, would never exactly repeat its motion, even though the motion is governed entirely by Newton's laws. In 1963, Edward Lorenz rediscovered similar sensitivity while modelling weather. With modern computers, chaotic behaviour has since been identified in electrical engineering, chemistry, optics, biology and economics. By the late 1980s, it was clear that chaos is not rare, but a generic feature of nonlinear systems.

In recent years, a new idea known as the "edge of chaos" has emerged independently in two very different contexts. In studies of large language models, researchers have found that performance often peaks in a regime between rigid order and fully developed chaos. If the system is too orderly, it becomes inflexible; if it is too chaotic, learning becomes unstable. Near this intermediate regime, learning systems appear most responsive. Interestingly, a similar idea was proposed much earlier in biology. The biophysicist Stuart Kauffman argued that evolution itself may operate most efficiently near such a boundary. Biological networks that are too rigid struggle to adapt, while those that are too chaotic fail to develop useful new structures. Living systems, he suggested, may thrive by balancing stability with variability, hovering near the edge of chaos.

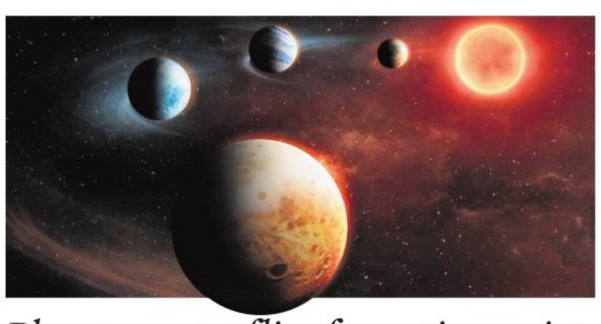
Chaos, then, is not disorder for its own sake. It is a framework for understanding how complexity arises from simple rules and why knowing the laws does not always mean knowing the future.

(The author is a dynamical systems theorist who has worked as a visiting scientist at the Max Planck Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems)

WHAT'S NEW! OCEANIC COMEBACK AND A SPACE ODDITY

Life stirred soon after asteroid strike

MARINE ecosystems began recovering within about 6,400 years of the Chicxulub asteroid impact that wiped out the dinosaurs, new sediment analysis shows. Microscopic plankton species emerged far sooner than previously believed, suggesting evolution can rapidly rebuild biodiversity, though full ecological recovery still took millions of years.



Planet quartet flips formation script

ASTRONOMERS have discovered an unusual four-planet system around red dwarf LHS 1903, 117 light-years away, where a rocky planet lies beyond two gaseous ones, defying formation theories. Observed by ESA's Cheops telescope, the outer rocky 'super-Earth' may have formed late or lost its atmosphere after a collision.

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Discovery of Pluto

Pluto, the dwarf planet, was discovered by Clyde Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona, US, on this day in 1930

NINTH PLANET SPECULATION

The existence of a ninth planet had been theorised by scientists in the late 19th century. Astronomers speculated that some planet, other than Neptune was in Uranus's orbit

PROJECT X

In 1906, Percival Lowell started an extensive project in search of a possible ninth planet, Planet X, but it was paused for 14 years, post his passing in 1915

ANNOUNCEMENT

The new planet was announced to the world on March 13, 1930, the day that would have been Percival Lowell's 75th birthday

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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'Reble represents a side of me that isn't afraid to be loud'

Fresh off her Bollywood debut in *Dhurandhar*, rapper Reble discusses the passion and raw honesty that fuel her craft, ahead of her much-anticipated live set in B'luru

SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN

THE first real moment was when I was around four or five years old. I heard a melody on a telephone line and it stuck with me. As I kept going back to music instinctively, I realised this wasn't a phase, it was something I couldn't imagine my life without," says Meghalaya-born singer Daiaphi Lamare aka Reble, who recently graduated from Visvesvaraya Technological University in Bengaluru and is set to perform at Homegrown Music Showcase on Feb 20.

'*Pyaase-pyasse in mere labon ke liye....*' the lyrics roll in, and then her verse cuts through! The visual is cinematic and for a second, it feels more like the opening sequence of a documentary on Reble – grainy childhood visuals, a young girl staring at a receiver, sound travelling through wires and destiny humming in static. The music slowly fades and we are back to reality, but the focus remains on Reble, the name and the person behind it. "Reble represents a side of me that isn't afraid to be loud, confrontational or honest. It's tied to my ego, confidence and sometimes even anger. When I write or perform as Reble, I allow myself to say things I might otherwise hold back. But Reble isn't separate from me – she's a part of Daiaphi. They coexist."

Growing up on a playlist swinging from Eminem's ferocity to Andre 3000's eccentric genius to Linkin Park's angst, she absorbed lessons from each. "Eminem taught me rawness, emotional expression and technical ability. Andre 3000 taught me individuality; that you don't have to sound like anyone else to be great. Linkin Park helped me vent. That mix is probably why my music doesn't sit in one box," she shares.

Reble started her music career in 2018, performing as Daya before rebranding to Reble and dropping her debut single Bad in 2019. Over the years, she has released tracks like *Terror* and *New Riot* and her first EP Entropy, gaining attention for bold lyricism. Her recent Bollywood debut with *Dhurandhar*, she says, arrived 'organically and last minute,' but carried the weight of a first. Writing rap verses over melodies inspired by classics could have been daunting, but she let excitement take the course. "*Dhurandhar* was my first Bollywood project, so that itself made it special. While writing, I focused on respecting the emotion of the original sound while bringing my own energy into it," she notes.

A still from *Dhurandhar*

Run Down the City – Monica, one of the *Dhurandar* songs, apart from *Move – Yeh Ishq Ishq* and *Naal Nachna*, allowed her to step further into performance. She describes approaching the track like playing a character. As this connection clicked, she says, the energy followed on its own. Similar is the case when she performs on stage, as she notes that there are times when she locks eyes with someone in the crowd who knows where she comes from and it 'definitely feels special'.

Yet, the 24-year-old is conscious of how quickly the industry moves. "I'm aware of the pace, but I try not to let it control me," she says, further sharing her themes of interest – inner conflict, identity, vulnerability and growth, which she wants to explore more. "I like uncomfortable emotions, things people don't always want to talk about," Reble adds. And for artistes from underrepresented regions watching her journey unfold, her advice is simple. "Where you come from is not a limitation, it's a strength," she signs off.

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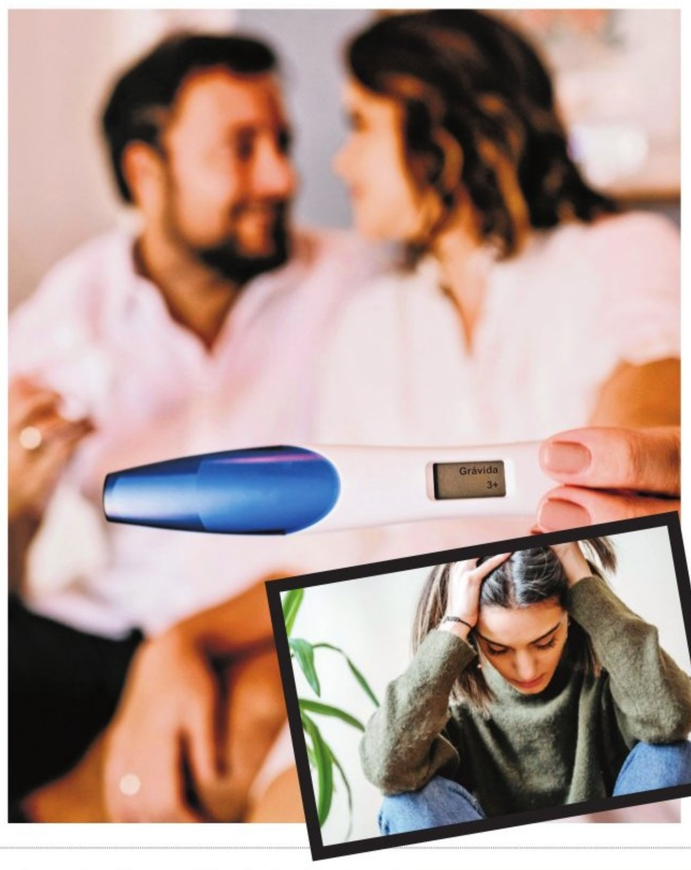
> Reble, singer

Take it or leave it?

With a city-based firm rolling out 'fertility leave', aiming to ease the strain of treatments, discussions on workplace support and fairness are gaining momentum. Here's what Bengalureans tell **Sruthi Hemachandran** & **Anjali Ram**

Tejuskrishna BS, advocate

Having fertility leave as a distinct category [like period leave] can be considered necessary support, especially for women undergoing fertility treatment. It often involves medical procedures and frequent hospital visits, with a significant impact on physical, emotional and mental well-being. Since workplaces already recognise medical and maternity leave, fertility leave would act as an extension of this support. However, aspects of fertility and sexual health are deeply personal, it is essential that employers ensure strict confidentiality and privacy while implementing such policies. Although it includes medical intervention, it differs from medical leave as it does not arise from illness and involves more intimate circumstances. This distinction makes it even more important to have a separate category of fertility leave.



Ritu Agast, HR head

While this displays an outward intent of empathy, it also suggests a gap in organisational trust. It begs the question: why do we need a specific 'label' for leave to be compassionate toward an employee's absence? In an era of hyper-sharing, we must protect boundaries. Support should always be an option, but must be the employee's choice whether to disclose the reason for absence. If perceived mainly as a benefit for women, it risks layering a 'fertility bias' on top of the existing motherhood penalty. By hyper-segmenting leave into 'types' (fertility, bereavement, etc.), we risk creating a hierarchy of needs where those who don't fit into a category feel their personal exigencies are less valid. I value humaneness over handbooks. You cannot 'codify' a culture of care; it is lived through leadership, not a list of benefits.

Athulya Ramesh, senior analyst

In many workplaces, conversations around fertility are still quite private or even uncomfortable. So hearing that a company openly acknowledges fertility challenges feels progressive and empathetic. As someone newly married, family planning is naturally a topic that comes up. Fertility decisions are personal but the physical, emotional and financial impact can significantly affect work life. A fertility policy signals long-term support – it shows the company understands women don't have to choose between career and family. It also reduces financial anxiety and builds emotional trust with the employer. Moreover, it tells me that the company sees women as long-term contributors, not short-term employees who might leave after marriage.

Eldhose George, software engineer

Fertility benefits can help normalise conversations around reproductive health and reduce stigma. However, there's a real privacy concern. By utilising these benefits, employees may inadvertently signal their parenting plans to their employer, unintentionally impacting how they are treated at work. The policy is especially helpful for couples undergoing fertility treatments, as it provides financial and emotional support during a stressful time. However, it shouldn't stop there. To ensure fairness, companies could broaden the framework to support other significant life or health challenges as well. I wouldn't choose to join a company solely because of this policy. However, it does say a lot about the company's culture.

Dr Kushala P, postgraduate medical student

Fertility leave should only be for people having intense treatments (like IVF) that are physically or hormonally draining. To get this leave, a patient must provide a note from a fertility doctor. This will confirm that they are in a treatment cycle and explain exactly why they require time off. Providing everyone with fertility leave, regardless of their medical situation, could lead to staffing issues and create an unfair work environment for others. By only giving leave to those who medically need it, we can support the right people while keeping the business running smoothly. A structured approach will also reduce the need for repeated sick leave and help ensure a more stable work-life balance for women undergoing treatment. Therefore, every company should establish a clear written fertility policy outlining eligibility criteria, required documentation, duration of leave and whether it is paid or unpaid.

Dr Sahana KP, consultant obstetrics & gynaecology & reproductive medicine, Apollo Hospitals, Seshadripuram

IVF comes with a host of physical changes in the couple going through it along with much anxiety and stress. Since the initial phase consists of daily hormonal injections, women may notice physical changes such as bloating, heaviness, nausea, weakness and fatigue. When combined with daily pricks, it causes discomfort and mild pain. The couple has to come for frequent, almost daily appointments, undergo regular scans, and take leave on days that oocyte pickup and embryo transfer is planned. However, the challenge remains on how to calibrate such leave, whether the leave may be restricted to intensive treatment or all steps in IVF. Firms should take a call so that the environment is supportive to the couple. Rest after IVF is one of the most common myths. Though initially thought to be helpful, many studies have now proven that absolute bed rest is not necessary post an embryo transfer. Following the procedure, rest of 24-48 hours is enough.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BEPUBLISHED EVERYWEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*.

1. 'Panchavati', a quaint little heritage bungalow amidst a lush green space in Malleswaram, was the residence of one of the world-renowned physicists who went on to win the prestigious Nobel prize in physics in 1930. Name the Nobel laureate.

2. Muddenahalli, a tiny village located about 60 km north of Bengaluru near Nandi Hills, is the birthplace of one of the renowned engineers and statesmen who is often referred to as the architect of modern Mysore (erstwhile Mysore state). His house was converted into a museum a few decades ago. Name the statesman.

3. DV Gundappa, popularly known as DVG, is one of the stalwarts of Kannada literature and journalism who has pioneered many periodicals in the early 1900s. He started *Bharati*, a Kannada daily in 1908 and *The Karnataka*, an English bi-weekly in 1913 in Bengaluru. A prime road in one of the earliest extensions of the city is named after DVG. Name the extension. Malleswaram or Basavanagudi.

CITY READ

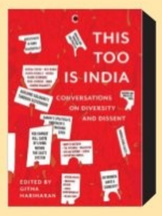
Shivaratri rangoli competition held in the city

In an effort to revive the art form, the Rani Park Walkers' Association organised a Rangoli Display Competition on the occasion of Shivaratri. The participants showcased their artistic imagination and precision skills by drawing freehand rangolis without using tools. Umesh Kumar, President of the Cubbon Park Walkers' Association, conferred the prizes and encouraged participants to carry forward this cultural legacy.

High school students awarded for innovation

A group of students from Greenwood High International School, Sarjapur Road, under 'Team Mentorly' emerged as the overall winner at the Grand Finale of Youth Udyami 2026, hosted by Prayaas, the social responsibility initiative by students of the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore's Executive Post Graduate Programme in Management (EPGP). The team, comprising Andrea Rosa Alen, Sanchi Jawaria and Radhika Katti, all IBDP Year 1 students, impressed the jury with their digital mentorship platform designed to address gaps in guidance for students navigating global university applications. The platform is trained on insights and data collected from verified mentors. An embedded AI engine synthesises this information into a personalised, month-wise actionable roadmap.

BOOK NOOK



This Too Is India: Conversations on Diversity and Dissent

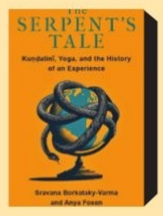
By Githa Hariharan

This book dives into Indian politics, history, culture, through conversations with novelists, activists, historians, actors, musicians, translators — the voices are diverse and the conversations thoughtful, incisive and wide-ranging.

Light & Shadows

By Meera Khanna

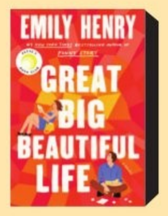
This book brings together decades of lived experience, activism and poetic reflection, offering readers a deeply personal yet universally resonant exploration of resilience, identity and renewal.



The Serpent's Tale

By Anya Foxen and Sravana Borkataky-Varma

The Serpent's Tale traces the intricate global histories of Kundalinī, from its Sanskrit origins to its popularity in the West.



Great Big Beautiful Life

By Emily Henry

Two writers compete for the chance to tell the larger-than-life story of a woman with more than a couple of plot twists up her sleeve in this dazzling and sweeping new novel from Emily Henry.

RHYTHMIC STEPS

Students of Sri Lalitha Kalanikethana perform Bharatanatyam during 'Nrithya Vrindha' event at Nayana Auditorium, JC Road | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICKFIX

FUDGY BROWNIE

INGREDIENTS

- **Maida:** 3 tbsp
- **Sugar:** 3 tbsp
- **Milk:** 3 tbsp
- **Few chocolate chunks**
- **Cocoa powder:** 2 tbsp
- **Oil:** 2 tbsp
- **Tiny pinch of salt**

METHOD

- Mix dry ingredients. Add milk and oil, mix until thick. Add chocolate chunks on top.
- Microwave 50-70 seconds (don't overcook). Serve hot with vanilla ice-cream.

Contributed by **Manan Agarwal,** Hyderabad

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

THALAIVAR THAMBI THALAIMAIYIL (Tamil)

A village official attending a wedding becomes entangled in an escalating family dispute over power and old resentments, testing his leadership as he tries to contain the situation.

Cast: Jiiva, Prathana Nathan, Thambi Ramaiah

- **Watch on:** Netflix

FOREIGN

ETERNITY (English)

In an afterlife where souls have one week to decide where to spend eternity, Joan is faced with the impossible choice between the man she spent her life with, and her first love, who died young and has waited decades for her to arrive.

Cast: Elizabeth Olsen, Callum Turner, Miles Teller

- **Watch on:** Apple TV+

ELLA MCCAY (English)

At 34 years old, Ella McCay becomes the governor of the state she was born and raised in. However, navigating relationships with her husband, father, and brother may just be her biggest challenge yet.

Cast: Emma Mackey, Jamie Lee Curtis, Julie Kavner

- **Watch on:** JioHotstar

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FITBIT

BENEFITS OF SQUATS

Squats are among the most effective functional exercises for building strength, improving mobility and supporting overall fitness. Because they engage multiple muscle groups simultaneously, squats can be included in beginner, intermediate and advanced workout routines.

KEY BENEFITS OF SQUATS

1. Builds lower-body strength

Squats primarily target the quadriceps, hamstrings, glutes and calves, helping develop muscular strength and endurance; essential for daily movements such as walking, climbing stairs and lifting objects.

2. Strengthens the core

Maintaining balance during squats activates the abdominal and lower-back muscles, improving stability and supporting better posture.

3. Reduces injury risk

Regular squatting strengthens muscles, tendons and ligaments around the knees and hips, providing better joint support and lowering the chances of injury during physical activity.

4. Supports calorie burn and weight management

Since squats engage several large muscle groups at once, they increase energy expenditure and contribute to effective calorie burning as part of a structured training program.

5. Improves balance and mobility

Consistent squat practice enhances flexibility, coordination and balance, which are essential for maintaining functional mobility across different age groups.

6. Enhances athletic performance

Stronger lower-body muscles and improved coordination translate into better performance in sports and physical activities requiring speed, power and endurance.

7. Promotes bone and joint health

As a weight-bearing exercise, squats stimulate bone development and help maintain joint lubrication, supporting long-term skeletal health.

8. Improves posture

By strengthening the back and core muscles, squats contribute to better alignment and help reduce discomfort related to poor posture.

Incorporating squat variations into training routines can improve physical performance, enhance joint health and contribute to sustainable long-term fitness progress.

By Dhruva Sivakumar, fitness expert, cult— a fitness and wellness platform

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Dramatic Flair

Catch the 'HandleBards' as they bring Shakespeare's *Macbeth* to the city. Watch as they put a twist on the original tragedy and bring mishaps and mayhem to the stage.

WHEN: February 18, 7.30pm
WHERE: Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield
CALL: 74069 66190

Culinary Festivities

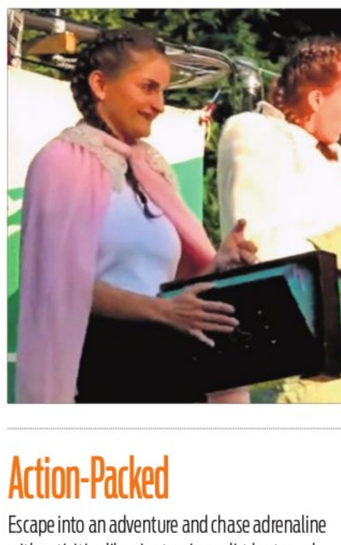
Relish a one-night-only dining experience created by Chef Flor. This five-course meal includes gochujang-glazed fried chicken, kingfish tostada, a reimagined honeycake and much more.

WHEN: February 18, 7pm onwards
WHERE: The Market, The Ritz-Carlton, Shanthala Nagar
CALL: 90354 16155

Action-Packed

Escape into an adventure and chase adrenaline with activities like giant swings, dirt karts and kayaking. Bond with friends and teammates while competing in challenges.

WHEN: February 18, 10am
WHERE: Area 83, Bannerghatta Road
CALL: 88846 08383



Midweek Vibes

Step into a laid-back midweek night with your gal pals. Enjoy music, food and conversations to keep your spirits high for the rest of the week.

WHEN: February 18, 7.30pm onwards
WHERE: Underdoggs Whitefield, Krishnarajapuram
CALL: 90028 91008

Speak Your Mind!

Join for a night of music and good vibes with Bharath CJ Praveen leading a jamming session through hits in four different languages

WHEN: February 18, 8pm
WHERE: Native Bar and Kitchen, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Rib-tickling Nights

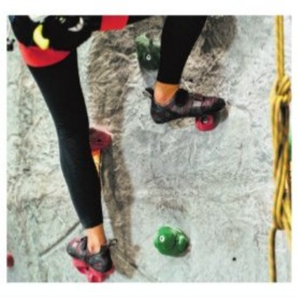
Witness razor-sharp punchlines as Bengaluru comics Anand Rathnam, Joteen Patro, Somnath Padhy and Gautham Govindan take the stage. Join for a night of funny, edgy and absurd comedy.

WHEN: February 18, 9pm
WHERE: Ministry Of Comedy, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Move and Connect

Experience the thrill of indoor climbing. Join a guided session featuring a variety of challenging routes and skill levels, accompanied by expert instructions that are perfect for both beginners and seasoned climbers.

WHEN: February 18, 8am onwards
WHERE: Equilibrium Climbing Station, Indiranagar
CALL: 88616 84444



ARTCORNER

WAVE OF NOSTALGIA

Artist Shalini Menon's watercolour painting of a traditional Kerala 'tharavadu' household evokes memories of simpler times

GR Jyothiprakash Gupta (left) at Gupta Circulating Library in Malleswaram | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

READING BETWEEN TIMES

Amidst the fast-paced surroundings of Malleswaram lies a tiny single-room library that treasures old school vibes with handwritten ledgers and receipt sheets

ANJALI RAM

AWAY from the hubbub of the city stands Malleswaram's Gupta Circulating Library, a space where time seems to be frozen in the past. With handwritten ledgers, paper receipts and shelves stacked with well-thumbed books, the single-room library lies as a strong reminder of a Bengaluru that once revolved around reading physical books.

Established in January 1952 by GR Jyothiprakash Gupta and his brother, then 10 and 12 years old, respectively, the library has an untold story that remains close to its heart and core. "We had no father and nobody to look after us, hence we started working. There was no other option," Gupta recalls.

What began as a small convenience store where they sold essential groceries, milk, newspapers and magazines, gradually evolved into a full-fledged circulating library. "Back in the days, there was no entertainment like television, mobile phones, like today. Our days revolved around books, cinemas and parks and reading meant everything," he says. As the reading culture flourished, the duo slowly phased out other trades and focused entirely on books and newspapers. Over time, Gupta Circulating Library became a significant name in the city's print ecosystem, he remembers.

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> GR Jyothiprakash Gupta, owner, Gupta Circulating Library

At its peak, the family ran five to six shops across Bengaluru, supported by over 50 workers and distributors. Gupta himself would cycle 30-40 kilometres a day, carrying heavy bundles of newspapers for delivery. The library also became the sole distributor in Bengaluru for many publications, including prominent newspapers and magazines.

In an age of algorithms and screens, Gupta Circulating Library survives as a living archive, as he notes, "There are youngsters who visit the library after learning about the place through online platforms like Instagram. People like the place for its vintage charm and non-technical process of the old-school library."

The library once housed books and magazines in nearly 12 languages, serving around 800-900 members with door-to-door delivery service. "There was no place in Bengaluru where you could get so many languages under one roof," Gupta says. Years later, especially post-Covid – changing times, labour issues and the rise of digital media, the library went through a rough phase. "Reading habits weakened and everything went online," he says. Today, the library functions from a single shop, offering circulating books, mainly in Kannada, Telugu, Tamil and English. Membership is still open, the same old-school way, maintained through handwritten ledgers – some of which once ran to 1,000 pages a year.

Despite all the challenges and the sensational growth of online platforms, Gupta remains positive. "I don't want to close the library. This is my passion. As long as I am here, it will continue," he smiles.

The last word: Dictionaries, their quiet glory and their uncertain afterlife

FLYLEAF
VR FEROSE

(The author is a technologist based in Silicon Valley who is gently mad about books)

IN my teenage years, I believed my father knew every word in the English language. Whenever I stumbled upon an unfamiliar phrase, I would run to him and he would explain it with the calm authority of a seasoned lexicographer. For years, I thought he was a walking dictionary. One of my proudest childhood moments came when I received my first dictionary as a prize at a school annual day – a heavy, dignified object that felt like a passport into a larger world.

As time passed, the dictionary quietly disappeared from my daily life. Words moved onto screens; curiosity became a search bar. Then one afternoon, in a dusty bookstore, I stumbled upon a rare 1949 second edition of *Webster's New International Dictionary* – nearly 3,250 pages of linguistic ambition mounted on its own stand. This dictionary was put together by 207 specialists and had over 6,00,000 words! For $75, I carried home not just a book but a monument to patience. Opening it felt like returning to a slower, more deliberate relationship with language.

The story of dictionaries stretches far beyond personal memory. Ephraim Chambers' *Cyclopedia* (1728) helped inspire Samuel Johnson's monumental *A Dictionary of the English Language* (1755). Johnson spent eight years crafting definitions enriched with literary quotations, transforming lexicography into an art form. His personality leapt from every page and was later immortalised in James Boswell's *The Life of Samuel Johnson*.

Across the Atlantic, Noah Webster reshaped language itself through *A Compendious Dictionary of the English Language* (1806) and *An American Dictionary of the English Language* (1828), simplifying spellings and forging an American linguistic identity. The ambition of lexicography reached its zenith with the *Oxford English Dictionary*, conceived in 1857 and published between 1884 and 1928 – a collaborative enterprise tracing the ancestry of words through hundreds of thousands of entries.

The monumental Webster's New International Dictionary

Alongside such works emerged projects like the *Dictionary of National Biography*, cataloguing lives with the same devotion lexicographers gave to vocabulary. But dictionaries are not solely Western; ancient glossaries in Mesopotamia and India's *Amarakosha* (a thesaurus in Sanskrit) reveal humanity's early desire to classify language. Today in India, bilingual dictionaries allow movement between languages.

The world of dictionaries has also inspired remarkable books. Simon Winchester's *The Professor and the Madman* recounts the extraordinary human drama behind the *Oxford English Dictionary*. Ammon Shea's *Reading the OED* chronicles the eccentric quest to read the entire dictionary – a humorous climb up what he calls the 'word lover's Mount Everest'. David Levithan's *The Lover's Dictionary* transforms definitions into fragments of a love story, while Shashi Tharoor's *A Wonderland of Words* celebrates the Indian reinvention of English, delighting in its quirks, variations and playful possibilities.

For centuries, dictionaries demanded reverence. They were enormous volumes requiring stands, magnifying glasses and patience. Today, words arrive instantly. Online platforms like Merriam-Webster, Cambridge and Wiktionary democratise access, placing entire linguistic universes in our pockets. Definitions update in real time; pronunciations come with audio; new slang enters the lexicon within weeks. Digital dictionaries are powerful and inclusive, yet they have altered our relationship with language. We no longer wander through words; we retrieve them.

And still, certain reference works continue to shape modern thought – Roget's *Thesaurus* redefining how writers perceive relationships between words, Black's *Law Dictionary* shaping the language of justice, and evolving psychological lexicons influencing how we understand ourselves. The dictionary remains a mirror to society's changing consciousness.

Perhaps, the question is not whether dictionaries are dying but whether they are transforming. The printed dictionary offered permanence and authority; the digital dictionary offers immediacy and fluidity. One taught patience; the other encourages adaptability. Perhaps dictionaries endure, not because we need definitions, but because we continue to search for meaning.

(The writer's views are personal)

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I, **M.R. Annapurna** W/o S. Nagaraja, R/o #1, Sree Gajanana Krupa, SWWC, 407 Main Road, 4th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru South, Yelahanka Post, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru Dist have changed my name from **ANNAPURNA** (old name) to **M.R. ANNAPURNA** (new name) vide affidavit dated 13-02-2026 sworn before Notary Bhavani Rao S., Shivamogga.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) G LAXMI,** mother of NO.16116574Y, HAV, GORLA SRINIVAS, residing at House NO.4-60/A, Arepally, Husnabad (Vill & Post), Husnabad (Tehsil), Karimnagar (Dist), TELANGANA (State), PIN: 505467, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) GORLA LAXMI** And **DOB** from **01.01.1977** to **01.01.1976** Vide Affidavit Dated 16.02.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE, NO.15323218K, HAV, RAJESH KUMAR RS, residing at Sreenilayam, Parakode Lane, Kariyam, Sreekaryam (Post), Thiruvananthapuram (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 695017, Have Changed my **(OLD NAME) RAJESH KUMAR RS** to **(NEW NAME) RAJESH KUMAR R S** Vide Affidavit Dated 16.02.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Manoj Kumar A** S/o Ashok Kumar Mittal, Residing at No.3, Mittals Nest 2/F, 4th Nain Hanuma Hills layout, Arehalli, Vasanthapura, Subramanyapura, Bangalore - 560061 have changed my name to **Manoj Kumar Mittal** A vide affidavit dated:14/2/2026 sworn before notary Onkarappa.N.R, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

We, Mr. NAVEEN MAHENDRAN, and Mrs. KARTHIKA G R, Father & Mother of HASHINI NAVEEN and SASHTIK NAVEEN, residing at Flat No.C 1306, Saket Callipolis, Sarjapur Main Road, Bangalore-560035 hereby state that in our minor kids school record the Fathers's name is mentioned as M NAVEEN instead of NAVEEN MAHENDRAN, Mother's Name is mentioned as G R KARTHIKA instead of KARTHIKA GR and our Son name is mentioned as SASHTIK N instead of SASHTIK NAVEEN and our daughter name is mentioned as HASHINI N instead of HASHINI NAVEEN. Names have been rectified as said above vide affidavit dated 17-02-2026 before Notary A.S. Narayana Reddy, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VIPUL KANJI VAVIYA**, Aged about 40 years, S/o Mr. Kanji Kheta Vaviya R/at No.130A, 2nd Main Road, Saraswathi Puram, Ulsoor, Bengaluru-560008 Karnataka.
I have Changed my son's name from **PRINCE** to **"PRINCE VIPUL VAVIYA"** vide affidavit dated-17/02/2026 sworn before Mohankumar.N Advocate and Notary, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Manoj Hegde** (Old Name), S/o. Ganapati Hegde, aged about 26 years, residing at No. 64, Kerekoppa, Post: Unchalli, Tq: Sirsi Pin: 581318, have changed my name as **MANOJ GANAPATI HEGDE** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 30.01.2026 sworn before Advocate & Notary Sri Gurumurthy , Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PARAG DILIP TITARMARE,** aged 38 years. S/o Dilip Pandurang Titarmare, R/at No.A326, 4th Floor, Elegance Garnet, Rasaganga Hotel, Bellandur Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560103, have changed my name from **PARAG DILIPRAO TITARMARE,** to **"PARAG DILIP TITARMARE"**, vide affidavit dated 17/02/2026 sworn before P .Nanjunda Advocate and Notary, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. NAVEEN MAHENDRAN, and Mrs. KARTHIKA G R, Father & Mother of HASHINI NAVEEN and SASHTIK NAVEEN, residing at Flat No.C 1306, Saket Callipolis, Sarjapur Main Road, Bangalore-560035 hereby state that in our minor kids school record the Fathers's name is mentioned as M NAVEEN instead of NAVEEN MAHENDRAN, Mother's Name is mentioned as G R KARTHIKA instead of KARTHIKA GR and our Son name is mentioned as SASHTIK N instead of SASHTIK NAVEEN and our daughter name is mentioned as HASHINI N instead of HASHINI NAVEEN. Names have been rectified as said above vide affidavit dated 17-02-2026 before Notary A.S. Narayana Reddy, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE, NO.15323218K, HAV, RAJESH KUMAR RS, residing at Sreenilayam, Parakode Lane, Kariyam, Sreekaryam (Post), Thiruvananthapuram (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 695017, Have Changed my **(OLD NAME) RAJESH KUMAR RS** to **(NEW NAME) RAJESH KUMAR R S** Vide Affidavit Dated 16.02.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Manoj Kumar A** S/o Ashok Kumar Mittal, Residing at No.3, Mittals Nest 2/F, 4th Nain Hanuma Hills layout, Arehalli, Vasanthapura, Subramanyapura, Bangalore - 560061 have changed my name to **Manoj Kumar Mittal** A vide affidavit dated:14/2/2026 sworn before notary Onkarappa.N.R, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

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DECLARATION

I, **R.B. SHIVAKUMAR** S/o. R.V.Bhadraiah aged about 51years, Residing at No.D-752, Anugraha Nilaya, 16th Cross, 5th Block, Rajaji Nagar, Bengaluru-560010.
Herewith I am declaring that my names **R.B.SHIVAKUMAR, BHADRAIAH SHIVAKUMARA, RAMAPURA BHADRAIAH SHIVAKUMAR** are one and same i.e me only, and **correct name is RAMAPURA BHADRAIAH SHIVAKUMAR** for all purposes vide affidavit dated 03.12.2025 sworn before Advocate & Notary Rajashekhar.K, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MD YUNUS,** aged 50 years, S/o. Babu Shaikh, Residing at No.13, Doddabasthi, SMV Layout, 4th Block, Sulikere Post, Sulikere, Bengaluru-560060, have changed my name to **YUNUS BABU SHAIKH,** Vide Affidavit Dated: 17.02.2026 before notary **MEER HASSAN,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RADHESHYAM MAURYA** (Existing name of Father as per NOK) is Father of **NO: 7785287L Rank: HAV(MP), Name:J.K MAURYA** presently Residing at CMP Centre and School, Bangalore - 25, permanently residing at **Village:** Baburi, Post: Baburi, Dist: Chandauli, State: UP, **Pin-** 232102 I have changed my name from **RADHESHYAM MAURYA** to **RADHESHYAM**, vide affidavit dated 13-02-2026 before Notary **G. Dayananda** Advocate and Notary Govt. of India, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **6645979M,** Ex-Hony Nb Sub **Imagoudanavar Balagouda Bhaugouda,** residing No.62, Bahubali Nivasa, 2nd Cross, Old Udaya Layout, Manganahalli Village, Manganahalli, Bengaluru 560060, have changed the name of my wife from **SUSHILA** to **SUSHEELA BALAGOUDA IMAGOUDANAVAR,** vide Affidavit dated:16/02/2026 sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **2577909N,** Ex-Naik, **Subhas Chandra Gonnagar,** residing at #501, Neelasandra, B-13, BDA Flats, Viveknagar, Bengaluru 560047, have changed the name of my wife from **SAVITHRI** to **SAVITHRI S**, vide Affidavit dated: 16/02/2026 sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SANJEEV GURURAJARAO KARAHALLIKAR,** R/at No. 16, Krishna, Bettegowda Layout, Talaghattapura, Bengaluru-560109 do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **TANMAY KARAHALLIKAR** to **TANMAY SANJEEV,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **TANMAY SANJEEV** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ARAVIND PATIL .G.G** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SANJEEV GURURAJARAO KARAHALLIKAR,** R/at No. 16, Krishna, Bettegowda Layout, Talaghattapura, Bengaluru-560109 do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **SIRI** to **SIRI SANJEEV,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **SIRI SANJEEV** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ARAVIND PATIL .G.G** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHASHANK PERAMPALLI SHEKAR,** S/o P Shekar Acharya, age 37 years, r/at No. 002, Ground Floor, A Block, Shree Raksha Residency, Srinivasalu Layout, Omkar Nagar, Arekere, Bangalore South, Bannerghatta Raod, Bengaluru-560076 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHASHANK P S** (old name) to **SHASHANK PERAMPALLI SHEKAR** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHASHANK PERAMPALLI SHEKAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17th Febuary 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAHESHA .J.J** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GEETHA SRINIVAS** W/o Srinivas S.R, age 47 years, R/at No. 2/1, 1st Floor, 5th Main, 6th Cross, Kathriguppa, VTC Banashankari III Stage, Bangalore-560 085 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **GEETHAVANI .D.R** and **GEETHA SRINIVAS** are one and the same and refers to me only, after my marriage I have changed my name to **GEETHA SRINIVAS,** vide affidavit dated 17th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. NAGAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MR. RAGHAVENDRA RAICHUR ANANTHA PADMANABHA,** age 49 years, S/o Late R L Anantha Padmanabha, R/at No. B1-004, Vaishnavi North 24, 6th Cross, Ranna Road, Pampa Extension, Hebbala Kempapura, Bengaluru-560 024 do hereby declare that names i.e. **RAGHAVENDRA R A** and **RAGHAVENDRA RAICHUR ANANTHA PADMANABHA** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAGHAVENDRA RAICHUR ANANTHA PADMANABHA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L.B. ANASUYAMMA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SRIPADA SHETTY,** S/o Manikayya, age 42 years, R/at Ward No. 05, Near Vasavi Temple, Pothnal Manvi Taluk, Raichur 584 143, presently camped at Bengaluru City, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SRIPADA** (old name) to **SRIPADA SHETTY** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **SRIPADA SHETTY** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HEENA JAIN,** W/o Hemant Kumar C Jain, age 36 years, R/at flat No. MB704, Mulberry Tower Park West Apartment, Binny Mill Road, Binny Pet, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560 023 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **HEENA HUKAMICHAND JAIN** (old name) to **HEENA JAIN** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **HEENA JAIN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DORESWAMMY GOWDA E.** S/o Late Eriyappa Gowda, age 58 yers, R/at No. 1270, 1st B Cross, 20th Main, 2nd Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore-78 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DORESWAMY GOWDA G.E.** to **DORESWAMMY GOWDA E.** henceforth I shall be known and called as **DORESWAMMY GOWDA E.**, vide affidavit dated 12-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.C. CHOWDE GOWDA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SANGEETHA .P.R,** D/o Ramesh Babu .PG, age 47 years, R/at No. 15/1/1, SVM Mansion, East Circle Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004 do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **INA .K** to **INA SHREE,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **INA SHREE** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **V. RAJASHEKHARA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DISHA PRAHLAD PATIL,** aged 18 years, D/o. **Prahlad Sidram Patil,** residing of Villa 38, Gravity Forest View Kamal Estate, Outer Ring Road, Banashankari 6th Stage, 10th Block, Bengaluru -560060, have changed my name from **DISHA PRAHLAD** to **DISHA PRAHLAD PATIL** vide affidavit dated 17-02-2026 sworn before Notary **DEEPA M.** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NAGARAJ KALMALA S/o Sharanabasava K, residing at 6-2-70/29, Manik Prabhu Layout Raichur 584101, Karnataka, have changed my name to RAJAN KARTHEEK KALMALA, vide affidavit dated 16-02-2026, sworn before advocate and notary D.K. Rameshappa, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BHAVNABEN CHANDRASEKHAR JOBANPUTRA** W/o Chandrasekhar Jobanputra Residing at No.801, NCC Urban Parkview, Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan Road Bengaluru - 560065. Hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from **BHAVNA CHANDRASHEKHAR JOBANPUTRA** to **BHAVNABEN CHANDRASEKHAR JOBANPUTRA** vide affidavit dated.17.02.2026 sworn to before Notary, **H Sridhar Rao**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SARITA DEVI** W/o Naveen Kumar Residing at Flat No.301, 3rd Floor, Foyer Ashirwad Colony, Horamavu, Bengaluru - 560043. Hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from **SARITA BANSAL** to **SARITA DEVI** vide affidavit dated.17.02.2026 sworn to before Notary, **Y R Chandrasekar** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) MOHAMMED AMEEN UL HAQ**, Residing at No: 38, 11th Cross, 1st Main, Someshwara Nagar, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560011. have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) MOHAMMED AMEEN UL HAQ to (NEW NAME) MUHAMMAD AMEEN UL HAQ** Vide affidavit dated 17/02/2026 sworn before Notary K.N.Ramadevi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) AAMIR MOHAMMEDBHAI MAHENDAVI**, age about 35 years, residing at No: 45, Hussain Residency 3rd Stage, Kadugondanahalli, Bangalore – 560045. have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) AAMIR MOHAMMEDBHAI MAHENDAVI to (NEW NAME) MAHENDAVI AAMIR MOHAMMED BHAI,** Vide affidavit dated 12/02/2026 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Malavika M. Y.** D/o. Yashwanth M., R/at No. B508, VRR Nest, Industrial Layout, Beratena Agrahara, Bangalore South, Electronic City, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 100. I have changed my minor Son **Samarth G. Nayak** (Old Name) name as **SAMARTH M. ARYA,** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 29.04.2025 sworn before Advocate & Notary B. M. Chandrashekar

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MALA RAMA RAO HONNATTI** D/o Late Rama Rao Honnatti, resident of No. A-707, 'Krishna Prakash' Apartments, I Stage, BTM Layout, Bangalore-570059, I state that in some official documents my name is mentioned as **Mala Rama Rao Honnatti** and in other documents my name is mentioned as **Mala Honnatti,** I hereby declare that hereinafter and in future my name shall be **MALA RAMA RAO HONNATTI,** vide affidavit dated 16.02.2026 sworn before Notary P.Anuradha, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mr. RAKSHITH KUMAR, aged about 22 years, S/o. Ashwath. M, residing at No.1, MG Complex, First Floor, Beside Indian Oil Petrol Bunk, K.Narayanapura, Bangalore, Karnataka -560077, have changed my name from ASHWATH RAKSHITH KUMAR to RAKSHITH KUMAR for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17/02/2026, sworn before D. RAJANNA Advocate and Notary Bangalore.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NISHANT MORESHWAR KULKARNI,** S/o. Moreshwar Kulkarni, residing at #E1002, Sethna Power Tower, 50, Agara Main Road, Babusapalya, Bengaluru 560043, have changed my name to **NISHANT KULKARNI** vide Affidavit Dated: 13/02/2026 sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KAVITHA SINGH alias KAVITHA BAI, W/o Bharath Raj Singh, aged about 47 years residing at No. 04, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, LN Colony, B K Nagar, Yeswanthpura, Bangalore 560022 have changed my name from KAVITHA BAI to KAVITHA SINGH vide Affidavit Dated: 11-02-2026, sworn to before Notary Public L.B. Anasuyamma, Bangalore.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AMENA BI,** aged about 56 years, W/o. Usman Shariff, residing at #7/27, South Street Cross, Neelasandra, Viveknagar Post, Bengaluru 560047, have changed my Name to **NASRIN TAJ.** Vide Affidavit Dated 17.02.2026 before Notary C.V. EARAPPA. Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Basavanandan .S** S/o. Sangamesh Bhajantri, Aged about 30 years, Residing at # 456, 7th Cross, 2nd Block, 4th Main, Near BDA Complex, Bangalore North, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru-560032 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Basavanandan .S to **Nandan** henceforth My Name shall be known and called as Nandan only, vide affidavit dated 14-02-2026 sworn before Advocate and Notary Lakshminarayana at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Vinaya Kumar G,** aged about 42 years, S/o. late Venugopal, Citizen of India by birth and permanently residing at No. 2667/A, 6th B Main Road, Railway Parallel Road, Hampinagar, Vijayanagar, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560040, do hereby declare that as per my Passport my name is mentioned as **Vinaya Kumar Gopalappa,** but my name is **Vinay Kumar G** as per my Aadhaar, PAN and Bank Accounts. going forward, my name will be mentioned as **Vinay Kumar G (Vinay Kumar Gopalappa)** in all documents. vide affidavit dated 11.02.2026, sworn before Meer Hassan, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RATHNAMMA D P,** W/o. M C Hombalaiah, R/at No 1183, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Near Vittal Eye Hospital, BSK 3rd Stage, Hosakerehalli, Bengaluru- 560 085 do hereby declare that have changed my name from **RATHNAMMA D P to RATHNA D P** and my Correct Date Of Birth is 25-08-1967 vide affidavit dated 17-02-2026 sworn before Notary **G.B. TURAMARI** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DEEPA,** W/o T.A. Gopinath, age 57 years, R/at No. 95, Ambedkar Street, Jayanthi Nagar, Horamavu, Bangalore-560 043 do hereby declare that my original and actual name is **DEEPA** (old name), in my voter ID, my name is mentioned as **GAYATHRI,** in my son Ashuthosh's employment records, my name has been entered as **GAYATHRI .M.R,** my son had died on 26-06-2024, to receive death claims, my names are mismatching, hence my name has to changed as **GAYATHRI .M.R.** henceforth I shall be known and called as **GAYATHRI .M.R** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **LAKSHMAIAH** at Bangalore.

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THE REAL *ALPHA* IS THE ONE WHO TAKES A STAND: HEMANTH KUMAR

The newcomer opens up about balancing action and emotion, while also stepping into production with his debut under director Vijay N

A SHARADHAA

HEMANTH Kumar grew up wanting to be an actor. He watched films, admired heroes and imagined himself in that space. But even then, his dream had a specific shape. "I always wanted to be an action hero," he says, as he prepares for his debut with *Alpha*, directed by Vijay N, known for Geetha and Gurudev Hoysala. This is Vijay's third film and his first with a newcomer. It is also Hemanth's first step into cinema, not just as an actor but also as a producer.

The title, *Alpha*, carries a lot of weight. "*Alpha* means dominant, strong, physically powerful. Among animals, the strongest is called the *Alpha*. But among men, the one who takes a stand is the real *Alpha*," says Hemanth, adding, "With action, there will be bloodshed. That is obvious. But violence does not come first. Love and emotion give way to revenge and vengeance."

That idea seems central to how he sees the film. The tagline — Men Love Vengeance — suggests aggression. But Hemanth insists the story rests on emotion. "There is love in *Alpha*. There is a strong father-son emotion. Every middle-class family can connect to it. Nothing is bigger than human emotion."

In the film, he plays a young man training to become an IPS officer, while his father, played by Achyuth Kumar, is a police officer. The action, he says, grows naturally from that setup.

Talking through his preparation for the role, Hemanth says, "Physical training, six-pack transformation and performance workshops — I worked on everything before entering cinema." However, for him, preparation was not only physical. "Watching films from childhood influences you. We should take the good things from the cinema. Reading a hundred books and watching a film, I take knowledge from both."

Explaining the decision behind collaborating with Vijay, Hemanth says, "As a newcomer, you hear many negative things about the industry. But I had to take that risk. I liked Vijay's style. He saw my dedication and became serious about *Alpha*."

He credits the technical team for shaping the film's scale. Music director Anoop Seelin, known for melodies, has composed mass tracks here. Cinematographer Karthik S has given the film a strong visual texture. The action sequences, choreographed by A Vijay, Vinodh, Arjun Raaj and Yoganand, were designed with care. "The fights are not just loud. They are staged with thought," he says. Dialogue writer Maasthi was also instrumental in the film's translation to the screen. For Hemanth, producing the film under the L A Productions banner adds responsibility. "Three hours on screen takes years of hard work. I wanted to be part of that process fully. My parents have given me everything within their capacity. I want to do something big to make them proud," he signs off.

Balu Nagendra

I want to justify every kind of role: Karthik Mahesh

WITH only a handful of films behind him, Karthik Mahesh is shifting gears, stepping away from the conventional hero space to play the antagonist in Vijay N's *Alpha*, opposite Hemanth Kumar along with Balu Nagendra and Ramesh Indira.

Actor Karthik, who first entered homes through television and later found statewide recognition on *Bigg Boss* Kannada, understands how quickly an image can solidify. "It was director Vijay's visualisation that I could play the antagonist. When someone sees you beyond what you have already done, that gives you confidence."

Television gave him reach, but *Bigg Boss* Kannada gave him identity. "In serials, people saw me as a character. After *Bigg Boss*, they knew me as Karthik," he says. The shift expanded his audience and brought expectation. Cinema, he believes, requires patience and proof. "It takes at least a couple of films to establish yourself. You have to keep proving yourself."

In that context, *Alpha* marks an important step. At a time when morally complex antagonists dominate mainstream storytelling, Karthik views the role as an opportunity to stretch. "I have played hero roles, but I do not want to limit myself. It is about how convincingly I can justify a character."

Before committing to the film, he revisited Vijay N's Gurudev Hoysala, studying how negative shades were introduced and sustained. The measured treatment reassured him that the antagonist would carry depth rather than serve as mere spectacle. He remains pragmatic about the current appetite for action-driven cinema. "I do not know if violence alone draws audiences, but it is working. That said, *Alpha* is not just about bloodshed. There is a story driving it."

For Karthik, repetition in storytelling is inevitable, but interpretation keeps narratives alive. He points to epics like the Ramayana and the Mahabharata, retold across generations yet reshaped by each narrator's lens. "Stories repeat," he says. "What changes is the vision behind them."

NAMRATA JOSHI

ART FOR ART'S SAKE

Film: **Yellow Letters**

CINEMA WITHOUT BORDERS

In this weekly column, the writer in a introduces you to powerful cinema from across the world

IT was serendipitous and ironic for me to have begun my viewing of Berlinale films with the one that rests firmly on the cross-section of arts and politics. Ilker Catak's *Yellow Letters* is about an artist couple, Derya (Ozgu Namal) and Aziz (Tansu Biçer), in Ankara, who find life upended at the hands of the authoritarian regime. The repercussions of absolutism don't just inform the theme of the film, they are also implicit in the way Catak, a German filmmaker of Turkish descent, flaunts having shot the film in Germany, with Berlin filling in as Ankara and Hamburg playing Istanbul. Would President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (who is not mentioned directly in the film) have let a film critical of his conservatism and repression be shot in the country?

The Germany-France-Turkey co-production that had its world premiere in the festival's competition section is based on the script by Catak himself, Ayda Catak and Enis Kostepen. The linear narrative kicks off with the happy life of the theatre actress and the professor-writer and their teenaged daughter, Ezgi (Leyla Smyrna Cabas). Their probing, subversive new play opens to critical appreciation and is running to a full house even as Ezgi jokes about its three-hour-long duration and her parents' supposed belief in saving the world with theatre.

Also present at the premiere is the governor, whose request for a photo is rebuffed by Derya, as is the offer of a TV role by a casting agent from Istanbul. In the midst of it all, people's protests against governmental repression are in full swing. The art for art's sake premise, as opposed to political responsibility, currently trending, unwittingly thanks to the festival, gets punctured by the filmmaker with a single significant line uttered by Aziz when he tells his students that there is little he can teach them about dramaturgy if they haven't seen the State's theatre playing out in the streets. In other words, art can't disengage itself from reality and flourish bubble or void.

Seen as dissenters, their play gets removed from the repertoire, they lose their jobs and home, get threatened by cops and deserted by some colleagues and neighbours, even as others stand by them in unquestioning support. They move court against the government and shift temporarily to Aziz's mother's home in Istanbul, which is when the reality of making ends meet stares them in the eye, as does the growing tension between them and their constant skirmishes with the daughter. What is the way out? Will their ideology win the day or pragmatism? As the personal, professional and familial situation spins out of control, Catak ends on an ambiguous, unclear note, which complicates one's response to the film and diminishes its impact a bit. Has it been left deliberately open-ended because Catak doesn't want to feed us any answers? Or as Aziz and Derya themselves put it, in taking fate into their hands rather than live in uncertainty, have they decided to co-opt and conform? From asserting, "Don't fear problems. Fear, fear itself", have they fallen prey to fear? Have the dissenters turned opportunists? Or is there more to it than the idea of right and wrong? Do the monetary and ethical aspects of the arts have to always remain in sharp split or can they be balanced?

Catak brings moral questions, in this case of survival and artistic integrity, to the fore as he did with the ethics of human powerplay in his previous 2023 film, the brilliant The Teachers' Lounge. And as with that film, there's a sense of propulsion and urgency here, driven by Judith Kaufmann's cinematography and Marvin Miller's music, with an added layer of the constant overlap of the world of theatre and the real. Most memorable of all, however, are the faces and presence of a compelling and confident Namal and the embittered yet committed Bicer. Tough to take your eyes off the charismatic couple.

CE FEATURES

Becoming Sarala was soulful: Misha Narang

MODEL-turned-actor Misha Narang has always loved travelling, but constantly switching cities for work is a different ball game. "Acting is taking me places, and that feels different," she says.

After making her mark in Telugu cinema with films like *Thellavarithe Guruvaram* and *Missing – Search vs Revenge*, Misha makes her Kannada debut with *Sarala Subbarao*, directed by Manju Swaraj, opposite Ajai Rao. The retro romantic drama, produced by Lohith and set in 1970s Mysore, follows a young couple negotiating love, tradition, and personal aspirations within marriage.

"I chose *Sarala Subbarao* as my Kannada debut because I knew Sarala was the soul of the film. When people walk out of the theatre, they will take a part of her with them. Today, heroines don't always get that space opposite the hero. Here, the director has balanced both leads."

The film is adapted from a novel by celebrated writer Triveni, a detail that weighed on her. "When a film is based on a book, there is pressure. It lives on paper, and we have to make people experience it on screen while doing justice to the writer's work."

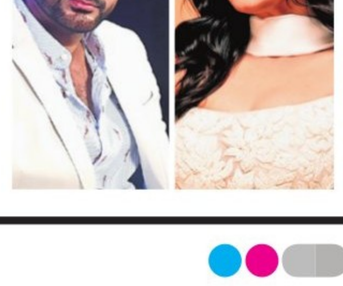
Sarala, she admits, changed her. "When I heard the story, I thought, why can't I be like this girl? Playing her inspired me. It was not just a performance. It was personal."

Working in a new language brought its own challenges. "Kannada was initially a barrier. I would fumble with words. But Manju sir had so much clarity. He never rushed me. He would say, 'Whenever you are ready, Misha.' He did not want to see stress on my face." An assistant director helped her rehearse lines, but it was the director's patience she remembers most. "He would explain everything with a smile, like I was his own child."

Sharing her experience of working with Ajai, Misha says, "He has done 25 films, but he was ready to rehearse with me. A co-actor who helps you bring out your best is a blessing."

To prepare for the retro setting, she watched romances from that era. "My parents, who are still romantic, gave me tips," she smiles.

Having heard much about Kantara, she is eager to explore Kannada cinema further. "Filmmakers who watched our trailer have already approached me. I am listening to scripts. I hope acting keeps bringing me back to more Kannada films."



Priya Mani and Mohit Raina star in an Indo-US film

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IN an Indo-American collaboration, actors Priya Mani and Mohit Raina will be seen in a film that focuses on immigration. The film is produced by US-based Red Bison Productions in association with Mumbai-based Azure Entertainment. The yet-to-be-titled project is written and directed by Harsh Mahadeshwar and follows the true story of an immigrant family's experience navigating cultural identity while trying to assimilate into the US.

The film is set to go on floors in April across locations such as New York, New Jersey, Delhi, and Jammu-Kashmir. Speaking about the film, Priya Mani said that she was drawn to this film instantly due to the "emotional truth of the story." She shared that she is grateful for being a part of the project "that brings together such committed collaborators to tell a story that will connect with audiences across borders."